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**MAN. CITY v
TOTTENHAM**

DUNDEE UTD. v RANGERS

Semi-Final celebrations — but who will be celebrating on Saturday? Here, Glenn Hoddle and Graham Roberts show their delight, while Tommy Hutchison leads the Manchester City cheers.

ENGLAND v BRAZIL
+ Brazil shirts to be won

THREE GREAT FINALS

WOLVES v. Ipswich at Wembley. Rangers v. Celtic at Hampden Park. That's how Saturday's two Cup Finals should have looked ... according to SHOOT's Semi-Final predictions.

Just goes to show how wrong you can be when predicting the outcome of vital matches.

But few fans outside Molineux and Portman Road will begrudge Manchester City and Spurs the chance to grab glory in the 100th F.A. Cup Final.

City's amazing transformation since John Bond took over from Malcolm Allison last October has been a soccer miracle.

Spurs have undergone a quieter revolution. For the past three seasons Keith Burkinshaw has rebuilt the side around the midfield skills of their tiny Argentinian superstar Ossie Ardiles.

It might not be the Cup Final SHOOT forecast, but there will be no shortage of action, excitement and entertainment at Wembley.

City's skipper and Semi-Final goal-scoring hero Paul Power will be the driving force behind Kevin Reeves, Steve Mackenzie, Dave Bennett, Tommy Caton and Gerry Gow.

Spurs also have their stars and potential matchwinners. Ardiles, Ricardo Villa, Glenn Hoddle, Steve Archibald and Garth Crooks — enough firepower to frighten the bravest of defences.

Tension

If Tottenham's youngsters Tony Galvin, Graham Roberts and Paul Miller show signs of nerves or tension they can rely on the calming influence of skipper Steve Perryman.

It's very difficult to forecast the outcome of this fascinating North v. South battle. But I believe Spurs will win.

Meanwhile, at Hampden, Dundee United, this season's Scottish League Cup winners, are confident of adding to Rangers' troubles by winning the Scottish Cup for the first time.

Victory over Champions Celtic in the Semi-Final replay must have been a big morale booster for The Terrors of Tannadice.

Little seems to have gone right for manager John Greig, who even suffered the indignity of watching his first team perform before a crowd of less than 5,000 at Ibrox recently.

But Rangers are a big club in every sense of the word. They won't need motivating for this game. Playing in the Cup Final at Hampden ... playing for their pride, and perhaps for many, their futures, is enough.

While congratulating Dundee United on their magnificent end to the season I can't see anything but a victory for Rangers on Saturday.

Also covered in SHOOT's special 100th F.A. Cup Final edition, a look at the European Cup-Winners' Cup Final and a colour preview of England's prestigious clash with the new-look Brazil.

It only leaves me to let you sit back and enjoy the action, the drama, the magic and the passion of three major Finals and a friendly against the three times World Cup winners.

May the best teams win!

Peter Stewart

EDITOR.



Ossie Ardiles

SHOOT talked to First Division managers and players to find out who the experts believe will win the F.A. Cup and why.

IT'S That's the



beat Ipswich in the Semi-Final, and Nicky Reid really caught my eye. Spurs will finish the game something like 3-2 winners.

JIM SMITH
Birmingham City

SPURS have the edge because they have the strongest pair of strikers in the country. With their midfield playing so well, I can't see Manchester City holding them. But having said that, if Tommy Hutchison performs well, he could turn the result in City's favour. My prediction: Spurs to win 3-1.

ALAN MULLERY
Brighton

I'VE got to be a little bit biased and go for Spurs after playing for them for so many years. They have been starved of success for a few seasons, but even if I did not have any associations, I would still tip them.

GORDON MILNE
Coventry

IF both sides play to their potential the crowd are going to see an

ALAN SUNDERLAND
Arsenal

I THINK there will be a lot of goals, with Spurs winning 3-2, the same scoreline as our win over Manchester United in 1979. It will be a tight game, but I tip Spurs as they have the talent. City may have a lot of tenacity, but for me skill will win on the day.

JIMMY RIMMER
Aston Villa

SPURS are an attacking side who rely more on their front-runners than their defence for results. That's why they have had scores like 5-3 and 4-4 this season. Manchester City are confident, and very professional. They impressed me when they

extremely good Cup Final. Players often freeze on these sort of occasions, but both Spurs and City have experience to overcome this barrier. Spurs beat us 3-1 in the Fifth Round, but City have two old Coventry players — Tommy Hutchison and Bobby McDonald. For their sake I would like to think that City will win.

JIM CANNON
Crystal Palace

SPURS will win the Cup because, on their day, they are the best side going. They have a load of players who can score goals — I can vouch for that, because we have played them four times this season, in League and League Cup, and they've hit the net 11 times. They'll get three against city, although City are always likely to get one, or possibly two, themselves.

ALAN BRAZIL
Ipswich Town

TOTTENHAM are a good footballing side, but City have so much skill in people like Tommy Hutchison, that I have a feeling they will win. It will be ever so close, because Tottenham are such a classy side, but having lost to City in the Semi-Finals, I would like to see them win it. City to take it 2-1.

MICK LYONS
Everton

WE have played both sides recently, and we were surprised by City's work-rate. Tottenham are good going forward, and on the

JOCK WALLACE
Leicester City

I HAVE had a feeling for a long time that Manchester City were going to come good in the Cup. They have some very talented players who just need to be shown the right way. My hunch goes back almost to the start of the season, long before John Bond took over. I don't like to predict the likely score, but there will probably be quite a few goals.

ALAN KENNEDY
Liverpool

THE striking partnership of Garth Crooks and Steve Archibald will be enough to give Tottenham the edge over City. Both defences

teams, but I think Spurs have the extra talent with Hoddle, Villa, and of course Ardiles.

PETER SHILTON
Nottm. Forest

IT will be a very attractive Final and highly competitive. They are both good sides, with perhaps Spurs having the edge on skill. But I think Joe Corrigan could be the deciding factor. I go for City.

ALAN DURBAN
Stoke City

I THOUGHT Wolves would beat Spurs in the Semi-Final. But I was at Highbury when Spurs won

could well be something like Spurs 2 Manchester City 0.

RON ATKINSON
W.B.A.

I THINK the superior goalscoring prowess of Spurs will prove decisive. City have a reasonably young back-four and I think they might struggle to contain the likes of Hoddle, Ardiles, Villa, Archibald and Crooks. You can never back against a match involving Spurs being high-scoring because, as well as having one of the best attacking teams in the country, their defence is suspect.

JOHN BARNWELL
Wolverhampton

WEMBLEY will suit Tottenham more, but having said that I have the feeling that City will have more power — and that is not meant as a pun! Obviously we know how good Spurs are, having lost to them in the Semi-Final, but City will take the bit between the teeth and win 2-1.

SPURS!

First Division verdict



day, I think they will have the players who will adapt better to the atmosphere and conditions, with people like Villa, Ardiles, Hoddle, Archibald and Crooks. But City are hard to beat, and I have a sneaking feeling they will produce the goods. Above all, I hope the game lives up to its expectations.

ALLAN CLARKE
Leeds

I'M not really bothered who wins because Leeds are not involved! The game is between two similar sides who don't know how to defend. Their strengths are their attacks. On paper there should be a lot of goals, and I think Spurs have just a little bit too much class for City. Spurs to win.

have improved lately and it will be down to the team with the goalscorers, and this is where the all-round ability of Spurs will tell. The men from White Hart Lane will win 2-1, and it could even go to extra-time.

ARTHUR ALBISTON
Man. Utd.

I'M sure there will only be one goal in it, but I reckon that City could just pinch it. I know that Spurs will start as favourites, but then City were expected to lose to Ipswich in the Semi-Final. They say a team has their name on the Cup right from that start, and that seems to be the way it is with City.

JOHN NEAL
Middlesbrough

BOTH teams have a tremendous responsibility. This is the 100th Cup Final and nothing would be better for the game than for it to be a cracker. It is a very difficult match to predict. Spurs could really turn it on and go berserk. But City might control the match and strike on the break. I just hope there will be plenty of goals.

KEN BROWN
Norwich City

OSSIE ARDILES will win it for Spurs! The way he played in the Semi-Final replay against Wolves highlighted his determination for the honours. They are both good

through to Wembley and they produced things of which I didn't think they were capable. They have got so much flair and imagination that teams don't have time to exploit their weakness at the back because they are under so

Spurs beat City in the League at White Hart Lane helped by a goal from Glenn Hoddle (left). Can they repeat their success, or will City's Tommy Hutchison (right) prove the hero?

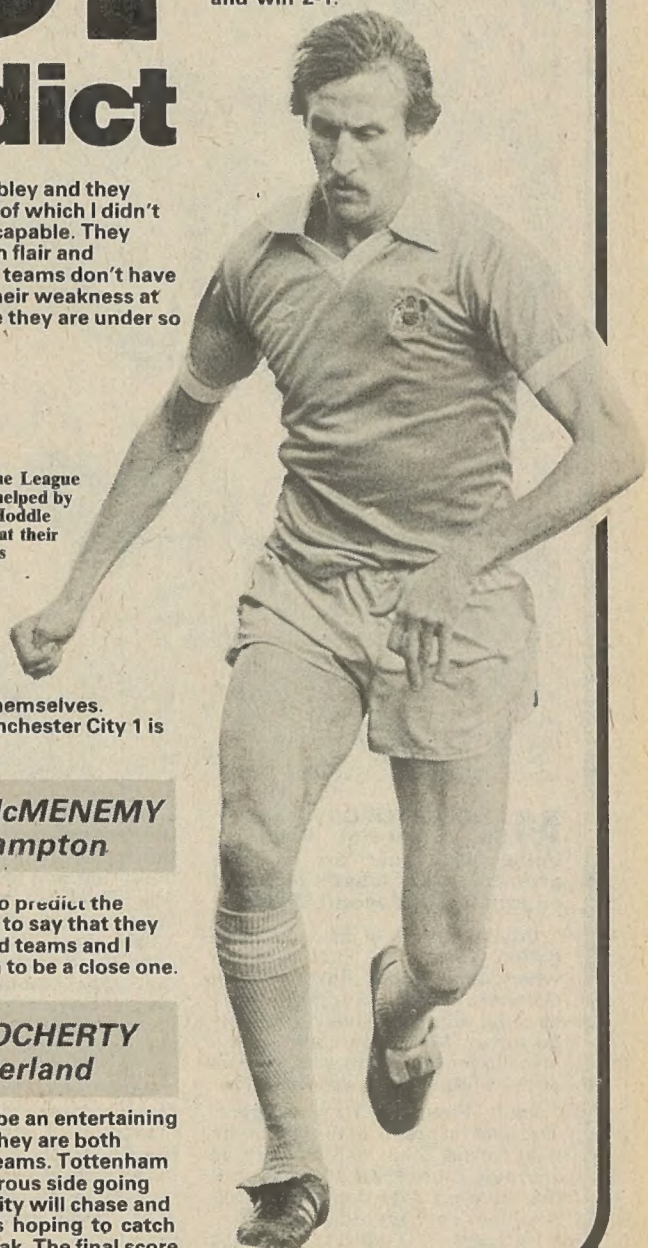
much pressure themselves. Tottenham 3 Manchester City 1 is my prediction.

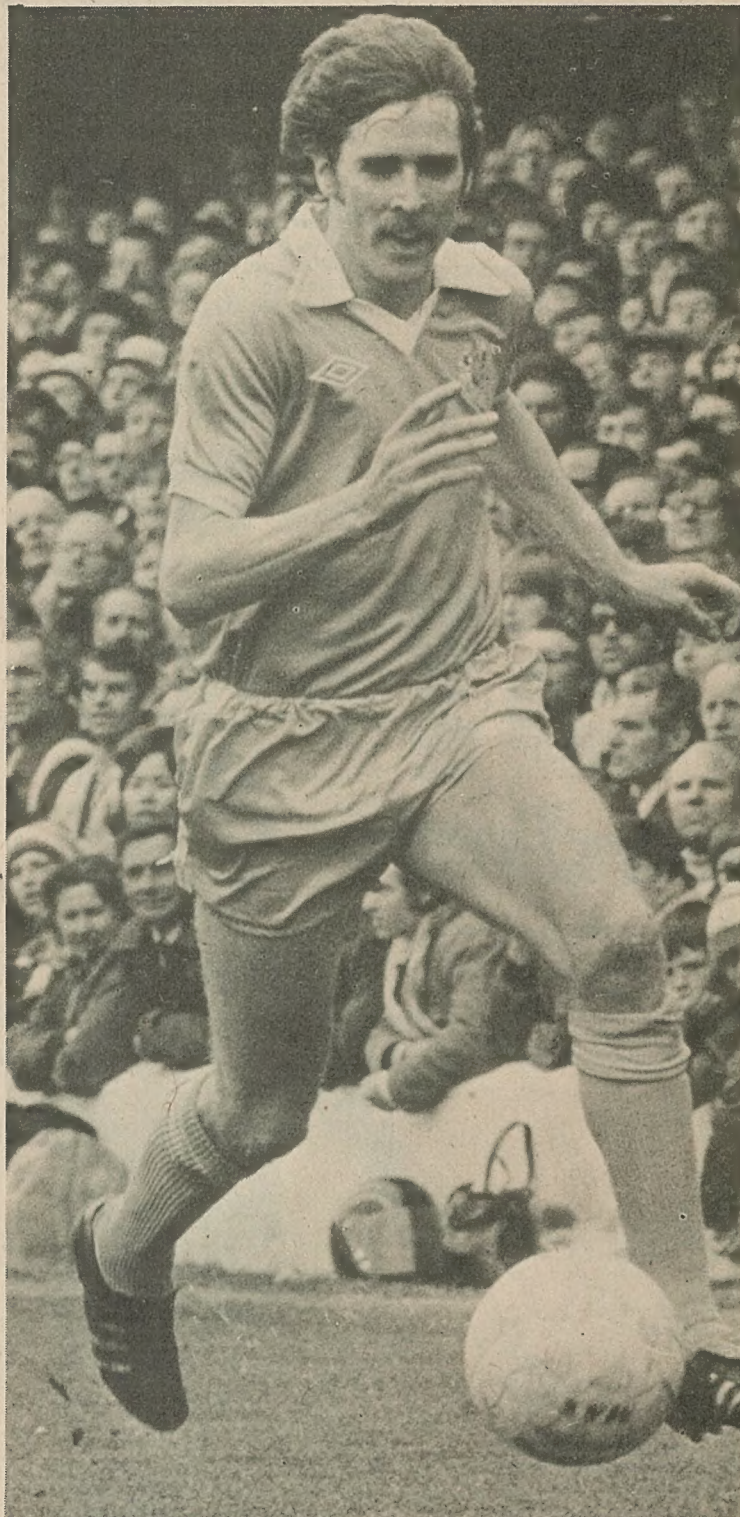
LAWRIE McMENEMY
Southampton

I DON'T want to predict the outcome. Suffice to say that they are two very good teams and I expect the match to be a close one.

MICK DOCHERTY
Sunderland

I EXPECT it to be an entertaining match because they are both attack-minded teams. Tottenham are a very dangerous side going forward, while City will chase and harass, perhaps hoping to catch Spurs on the break. The final score





MANCHESTER City stand on the brink of Wembley immortality just six months after having at least a foot and an arm in the Second Division.

City's chances of escaping relegation from the First Division, when John Bond took over last October looked so remote that even he admitted they'd probably go down. Now they could earn a place in football history as winners of the 100th F.A. Cup competition.

Paul Power, City's elegant, eloquent captain, admits that he didn't even think of Wembley as anything more than a dream until the morning after their Cup Semi-Final win over Ipswich.

He says: "I wasn't confident

about beating Ipswich, despite the tremendous revival we'd had. But the good run we'd had gave me hope that in a one-off game like a Semi-Final, we could beat even a team like Ipswich.

"We were in a bad state when John Bond took over. But even at that stage, I thought all we needed was just two or three good results to restore the players' confidence. Now most of the lads feel we can beat anyone."

Power has responded better than anyone to the refreshing management style of Bond. He's been not only an inspiring leader of the side, but the player with the reputation of scoring their most vital goals on the road to Wembley.

'WE CAN BEAT ANYONE'

says City's Paul Power

He's scored in all but one of their Cup-ties, including the dramatic winner in extra-time of City's Semi-Final clash with Ipswich.

"That's down to the boss, really. One of his first signings was Bobby McDonald, and before he came, we didn't have a recognised left-back.

"I had to play left-back, or at least offer cover down that side. But Bobby has such perfect defensive qualities that it's released me to attack more. I have more freedom to go into the middle and look for chances.

"The signings John Bond has made have made a big difference. Gerry Gow has added backbone in midfield and Tommy Hutchison has given us width on the right which we haven't had since the days of Colin Bell.

'Improved'

"On top of that, the young players have learned from them. I would say that Nicky Reid, Steve Mackenzie and Ray Ranson have improved 100 per cent since the new lads came."

Simplicity, says Power, is the key to Bond's remarkable success since he took over from the fated Malcolm Allison. Other City players have said that the two aren't that different as coaches but Power says: "They have totally different ideas on the game.

"Malcolm wanted us to play diagonally all the time, switching the ball from left-back to right wing, or right-back to left wing.

"John Bond wants us to play up the same channels, switching the ball from full-back to the space in front. And the whole thing is geared to getting the ball to the front men as quickly as possible.

"Malcolm also didn't make allowances for the types of players he had. He was asking players to make 60 yard passes when they weren't capable of doing so.

"The players took him too literally. They were still trying to make 60 yard passes in situations where they were impossible and consequently, getting the team into trouble. A lot of players were confused by his ideas in the end."

Not that Power thinks Allison should take all the blame for the disasters that befell him at Maine

Road before he was finally asked to resign. The team, too, he says, should have a close look at themselves.

"I think a lot of players have a lot to answer for in Malcolm's time here.

"Malcolm would never have a go at a player in front of his teammates. He would take the player aside to criticise him and because he was fair to the player, Malcolm felt the player would be fair back. But it didn't always work out that way.



The CAPTAINS' verdicts

"Again, John Bond is completely different in that respect. He'll bawl a player out in front of all of us in the hope that he'll get the right response — and normally, it's worked out like that.

"If you get a public rolicking, your reaction is to say 'Right, I'll go out there and prove you wrong.' Certainly, we've all reacted that way since he's been here."

Whatever happens at Wembley, says Power, it's been a tremendous season for City.

"What we've done under John Bond has restored all our pride and it's great that we can again hold our heads up in Manchester after so long in United's shadow.

"But now that we've reached Wembley, we want to win the Cup. Since Bondie came, I've done really well in front of goal and it's great to think I've got so many vital goals.

"One more goal at Wembley will do me just nicely now — especially if it's the one that wins us the Cup."

THE arrival of Tottenham at Wembley for the 1981 F.A. Cup Final marks the beginning of a great new era for the North London club. That's the firm belief of Spurs skipper Steve Perryman, the man who will proudly lead his team on to Wembley's famous turf for English football's greatest showpiece of the season.

Perryman says: "This is only the start of a very good Tottenham team. And I am certain our achievement in reaching this Cup Final will have enormous benefits.

having played so well in the Semi-Final replay against Wolves. "We failed to produce the goods in the first match at Hillsborough," he says. "But to have reached Wembley in such style by playing some splendid football in the replay will give us a tremendous boost for the Final. That form will be in our minds when we walk out at Wembley, not the tight, tension filled play of the first Semi."

Perryman will walk out feeling special delight for the man a few paces ahead of him. "This appearance in the Final, Tottenham's first

'THIS IS ONLY THE START FOR US'

says Spurs' Steve Perryman

I can remember I signed for Tottenham because they had just won the Cup, back in the 60's. Three years later I reached the first team, and I knew by then all about the glories of Wembley.

"There are so many aspects — the European games if you can win the Final, the players who want to join or stay with a successful team. Of course, this Tottenham team has won nothing yet but I'm convinced we have a good side shaping up for the future.

"This Final is the first major achievement for this new Spurs side. But I'm absolutely certain it won't be the last. We can build on this and have more success in the future."

Perryman believes Spurs will go to Wembley far more confident for

in 14 years, reflects great credit on manager Keith Burkinshaw," he says.

"He was in charge when we were relegated to the Second Division, but got it right and took us straight back up. Perhaps the board also deserve a pat on the back. They didn't panic and sack Keith when things went wrong. They kept faith in him and gave him time to build the club a new future."

Perryman believes the seeds of the present team, were sown in the Second Division. And he admits: "Maybe relegation did us a favour. It's doubtful whether we



could have sorted it all out and rebuilt in the comprehensive way we did if we'd just hung on in the First.

"You can't rebuild very well when you're facing sides like Liverpool, Leeds, Arsenal and Manchester United each week. But going into Division Two gave us the opportunity to start from scratch

— and that's what we did.

"We wouldn't have been able to carry out the attacking ideas Keith wanted, so easily. But we started playing attacking football in the Second Division, got it to work and just kept it going when we returned to the First. Now we are one of the most attacking teams."

Tottenham's gallant, inspiring captain will be glad of one particular aspect at Wembley this Saturday. "The last time I was there, I felt as though I didn't have any influence on the outcome of the game. I was just carried along without being able to influence events.

"But as captain, it will be different this time. It will be up to me to inspire players, make decisions on the field and alter tactics. I thrive on that pressure; it inspires me. I'm looking forward to every part of it enormously."

Including, of course, that little journey up the steps to the Royal Box ... as long as he's on his way to collecting soccer's most glamorous trophy — the F.A. Cup.



The Year of the



It's the Year of the Cockerel, so we're told ... and the omens are good for Spurs whose emblem, of course, is a cockerel. So far in 1981 it HAS been the Year of the Cockerel. France, whose sporting sides use the bird as their emblem, won the Grand Slam in the traditional Rugby Union Championship. Whether or not Spurs will win the Cup we don't know. But the French, fresh from their success with the oval ball, would no doubt say: "Mais oui!"

A look at some of the unlikely lads

MANCHESTER CITY



Big Mal has the last laugh

PEOPLE laughed at Malcolm Allison when he paid £275,000 for an unknown 17-year-old who had yet to make his debut for Crystal Palace.

But if all else Allison attempted in his two years at City was a failure — and it wasn't — he could at least point to the contribution midfield man Steve Mackenzie (above) has made at Maine Road.

Mackenzie appeared in City's first 14 League games last season, but failed to make any impression. He managed only five more games.

But this term he has blossomed into the England prospect which Allison had always predicted for young Steve Mackenzie.

Now he is a permanent fixture in the City midfield, proving the perfect foil for the aggression of Gerry Gow, the forward runs of Tommy Hutchison and the skill and know-how of skipper Paul Power.

Already he has caught the eye of England 'B' team boss Bobby Robson, who has since given the teenager from Romford his chance to prove himself at international level.

And the muscular power and cannonball shooting of Steve Mackenzie could well prove to be one of City's aces in the battle for midfield domination at Wembley.

As skipper Paul Power says of his young protegee: "We look a different team when Steve is playing."

"He took a while to settle in at the club after his move from Palace, and his confidence suffered a little."

"But all credit to the lad — he

has fought his way back and proved to the boss that we can't afford to do without him.

"He adds stability to our midfield and it's obvious that Malcolm Allison was right when he said that Steve would play for England one day."

City will probably allocate the job of shackling the talents of Glenn Hoddle to Gow, but Mackenzie's battle with the Argentinians Villa and Ardiles will be equally important.

Manager, team-mates and City fans all have great faith in the ability of Steve Mackenzie to handle the task in hand, but the nerve and temperament of a young lad who just two years ago was still learning his trade in the Palace youth team will be tested to the very limit this Saturday.



Bennett hopes to face his hero

MANCHESTER City's astonishing revival has generally been attributed to the three men John Bond has imported to Maine Road — Gerry Gow, Bobby McDonald and Tommy Hutchison.

It is a belief also shared by City's talented young winger Dave Bennett, who is quick to give praise to the new City heroes.

But modesty forbids Bennett from talking too loudly about his own vital role in the City recovery.

The 21-year-old black winger has been on the verge of a permanent first team spot for most of the season, but it was during City's run to the League Cup Semi-Finals, when Gow, McDonald and Hutchison were all Cup-tied, that his true value to the City set-up was fully appreciated.

Bennett scored in every game on the run in to the clash against Liverpool, and rates City's failure to clear that hurdle as the greatest disappointment of his career so far.

"I've had my chance to grab a regular place in the side, but didn't play well enough," he admits.

"I've really battled hard in recent months, because there were times before when my attitude wasn't quite right."

"Wembley is the ultimate aim of every player, and I'm no exception. I want to play on Saturday, and I don't care if it's in midfield or up front as long as I'm out there."

For the Semi-Final against Ipswich, Bond opted for the speed and control of Bennett in preference to the guile and experience of Dennis Tueart.

Whether he retains the same side for the Final remains to be seen, but the three goals Bennett netted in City's two games over Easter could well prove decisive in the Final reckoning.

"John Bond is a very determined man and he's also a winner. He wants players of the same qualities at City, and I hope I get this opportunity to prove that I can be a winner as well."

Ironically, should he get the nod from Bond, Bennett will be up against the player he rates most highly in the Football League — Ossie Ardiles.

"Ossie has skill, control and a quick footballing brain. He is always dangerous, but I'm hoping we can shackle him this Saturday."

Dalglish . . . Mariner . . . now it's Archibald for Reid

THE most versatile player at Maine Road — that's the title earned by Nicky Reid after his faultless displays both in midfield and defence for Manchester City.

But that very versatility has hampered the career of a young man who could be destined for full international honours.

If that sounds odd to you, it is really quite simple. Because he has made such a success of the various duties heaped upon his young shoulders in recent months, he has been unable to settle into a regular berth each week. His initial appearances came in midfield, and he strived manfully to replace the

outgoing talents of Asa Hartford and Gary Owen.

The failure at left-back of first Dragoslav Stepanovic and then the unsettled Willie Donachie gave Reid (below) a new role in the team.

It was wearing number three that he completed last season, switching from the left flank earlier this term in an attempt to halt the defensive deficiencies which threatened City with relegation until Allison's departure last October.

New boss John Bond was quick to draft in new faces, and one of the first was full-back Bobby McDonald.

But just when it seemed that Reid would have to start all over



again, a switch to the centre of defence proved the masterstroke and rescued the plummeting fortunes of both club and player.

While teenager Tommy Caton fills the role of orthodox centre-half, it is Reid's job to shackle the menace of the opposing dangermen — a task he carried out to devastating effect when he subdued Dalglish and Mariner in Semi-Final ties recently.

Now Bond is unable to find room for the experienced Tommy Booth.

Booth was left on the bench for the Semi against Ipswich, and Bond was quick to single out his young central defenders for special mention.

The Spurs strike partnership of Crooks and Archibald is a daunting prospect for any defence, and Bond may feel that Caton and Reid are too inexperienced for the big occasion of Wembley.

Neither has played there before, but it seems likely that City will stick with a winning formula. And it's a fair bet that Nicky Reid will be doing his utmost to justify his selection.

who could be Wembley stars...

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR



Thanks, comrade!

If the Russian ambassador is at Wembley on Cup Final day, Tottenham will have just the man for the occasion. If Keith Burkinshaw wants some pace and goalscoring power to help out strikers Garth Crooks and Steve Archibald, he will have the ideal player.

Tony Galvin (above) fits the bill in both cases. And there's not much doubt that he's the only Russian-speaking footballer in the English First Division who can end an extraordinary season with an F.A. Cup winners medal.

Galvin was playing for Goole Town, the little Yorkshire non-League club, just three years ago. He came originally from Huddersfield and was signed by Bill Nicholson.

But it wasn't a lack of ability or experience which threatened to keep Galvin out of Tottenham's Cup glory run this season, but a serious bone graft operation just before the start of the season.

But Galvin recovered quickly, got back into action and was immediately drafted into the senior side once he was fit again. That was some indication of the faith Keith Burkinshaw had in the young player.

Galvin says: "I'd had the operation and didn't really expect to get back until March. But I'd played 16 games by the time the Semi-Final came along and was delighted to be involved.

"It's all still a bit of a dream for me. This is my first season of F.A. Cup football and to get to Wembley at the first attempt is extraordinary."

Galvin, 24, gained a degree in

Russian, and was going to be a teacher until football came along, but he says: "I was determined to seize my chance of making it in the game when the opportunity arose.

"Attacking is the strongest point of my game. With all the pressure on Archibald and Crooks, I get a little more chance to find some space. But scoring goals is something I have to work on. I don't score enough at the moment."

Galvin doesn't anticipate a major attack of nerves at Wembley. "I'm not normally a nervous type," he says. "I'm sure everyone feels some tension at a Wembley Cup Final, but it's probably about par for the course to feel a little tense.

"I think we can beat Manchester City but it will be very close. Meeting City at any time would be special — I've never faced them in a match. But to meet them at Wembley in the F.A. Cup Final is a fantastic thought."

Aleksic will be thinking of Daines



NO player in this year's F.A. Cup Final better exemplified the extraordinary twists of fate to which footballers are so susceptible as Tottenham's Milja Aleksic.

Aleksic spent most of the season prior to Semi-Final action struggling to shrug off two years of injury worries from the difficult world of reserve team football.

Two years of misery, setback, agonising fitness programmes and frustration. Yet, quite suddenly, Barry Daines suffered a minor injury shortly before the Semi-Final. Aleksic won the place, kept it for the Semi-Final and now looks set to retain it for the Final.

If Aleksic plays, it won't be his first Wembley Cup Final appearance. And it's a useful omen for Tottenham fans that their goalkeeper's last visit to Wembley ended in success.

Aleksic played for Stafford Rangers when they beat Barnet 3-0 in the 1972 F.A. Trophy Final. Aleksic says: "Wembley was simply marvellous with 25,000 supporters in it that day, so what it's like with 100,000 I can't imagine.

"If I can remember correctly, I played quite well that day. The atmosphere was out of this world and it's a wonderful place to play.

"If I wear the 'keeper's jersey, I'll remember how Barry Daines will be feeling when I walk out. I know what it's like to be stuck in the reserves, with hardly a glimmer of light showing at the end of the tunnel.

'Heartbreak'

"Perhaps it's a good thing having this constant battle with Barry. It keeps us both on our toes, and keeps us going. Mind you, it's heartbreak for the guy who misses out on the big games."

Aleksic believes the understanding within the Tottenham defence will gradually improve. "It's bound to take a while to get to know everyone else's play," he says. "But despite the criticism the defence has had, I don't think the back-four should be singled out.

"We are improving all the time, and learning the necessary understanding."

Aleksic was as delighted as anyone the night Tottenham reached Wembley. But the man who has had more setbacks and suffered more knocks and serious injuries than many players experience in their entire careers took it all with a philosophical attitude.

"I'm keeping my feet on the ground," he said, the next day. "I shall be during the approach to the Final, too. I know that I could get injured the last week before Wembley and lose my place. Barry knows that, too, it's a fact of life.

"That situation tends to keep your feet firmly on the ground."

From Wembley ball-boy to Cup Final star



GRAHAM Roberts' (above) previous appearance at Wembley was against Austria when England romped to a 7-0 victory in September, 1973. Hampshire schoolboys provided the eight ball-boys at Wembley on that occasion and young Graham was one of them.

His only honour to date is a runners-up medal for Weymouth in the Alliance Premier League. In fact, before December, 1980, Roberts hadn't even made his League debut.

"I hoped I might get in for the last half a dozen matches of the season," says the £30,000 buy, a record for a non-League player.

Roberts was right up to a point. Shortly before the Semi-Final against Wolves Keith Burkinshaw paired Roberts and Paul Miller in the centre of Spurs' defence and the side that has conceded too many goals for its own comfort suddenly looked far more solid.

Whether Roberts collects a winners' medal or not, he is delighted simply to be in the reckoning.

"With Weymouth I used to get up at six to work in a shipyard. From there I went training and often didn't get home until midnight. Now, everything is so much better."

He made his first appearance against Stoke as a substitute striker; on his full debut against Liverpool he played right-back; since then he's played in midfield and the centre of defence.

It's this kind of versatility that has Spurs manager Keith Burkinshaw beaming. "Graham has given me even more satisfaction than Crooks or Archibald, who cost over a million pounds. The lad's forced his way into the team and made a position his own."

The ball-boy has certainly come a long way since 1973!

How Bond plans to beat Spurs

THE danger time for Tottenham on Saturday will come at around 1pm — two hours before the F.A. Cup Final even starts!

That's when Manchester City manager John Bond will assemble his team in their hotel to deliver the talk he hopes will inspire them to victory.

Whether they win the 100th F.A. Cup Final or not, the talk will most certainly inspire them. We can assure you of that having had the privilege of sitting in on the Bond team talk before City's surprise win over Ipswich Town in the Semi-Final.

After the players have had a leisurely morning, lunch at noon and watched some of the build-up to the big match on TV, Bond will sit them all down and set about the task of getting them in the

right mood for the most important day of their lives.

And when he is finished, you can bet those City players will be feeling ten feet tall.

They certainly were after the Semi-Final talk-in. City went into that match, at Villa Park, as outsiders against team-of-the-season Ipswich. Yet when Bond had finished his inspiring oratory every one of them was convinced they could win.

He won't go into minute detail about the role each individual has to play. That will have been done on the training ground in the days leading up to the Final.

And there will also be a last minute briefing in the dressing room, with Bond moving around the players individually to outline what he expects from them.

Bond will tell them they are the

luckiest people in the world to be part of such an occasion and he will stress the need for them to go out and enjoy it.

"You are the envy of every footballer in the country. They would give everything they own to be playing in this Wembley show-piece," he will say.

And he will probably quote the example of former Fulham and England skipper Johnny Haynes — one of the finest footballers England has ever produced.

"Haynes, a very good friend of mine, won over 50 caps for England. Yet I know he would willingly have given every one of them up for the chance to play in an F.A. Cup Final," he will say.

"If all you lads go on to become millionaires you will never enjoy an occasion as rich and rewarding as this one. It's the biggest occasion in the English football calendar — and it requires big people to



handle it right.

"You have already proved you ARE big people by what you have done so far this season. You have worked your insides out to get to Wembley — so let's take the final step in style.

"The eyes of the world will be on you. What you do today can set you up for the rest of your careers. You have done the hard bit by getting here — now go out and enjoy yourselves.

"Believe me, you will NEVER experience anything like this in your life. I know that because I was lucky enough to play in a Final — for West Ham when we beat Preston 3-2 in 1964.

"It's something you never forget, and if you don't then make the most of it by going out and doing yourselves justice you will regret it for the rest of your days."

Strategy

There will be a brief overall run-down of the strategy City will employ — with departments of the team being reminded of their responsibilities.

You can almost see the players growing by the minute as they are lifted by the words of the boss who has done so much for them since he took over last October, with City stuck at the foot of the table and looking like the last team to have a chance of going to Wembley.

He will bring the talk to a close by telling them: "That's it, lads. So good luck to you all — and get out there and enjoy yourselves."

Then it will be on to the team coach for the ride to Wembley. And it's a fair bet that after the way Bond has lifted them some of the players will be ready to run to the stadium!

'YOU LUCKY PEOPLE!'

John Bond (standing, extreme left) celebrates West Ham's 1964 F.A. Cup triumph.





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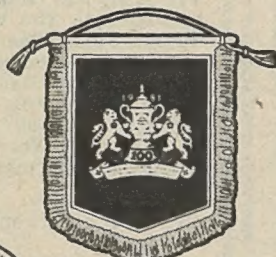


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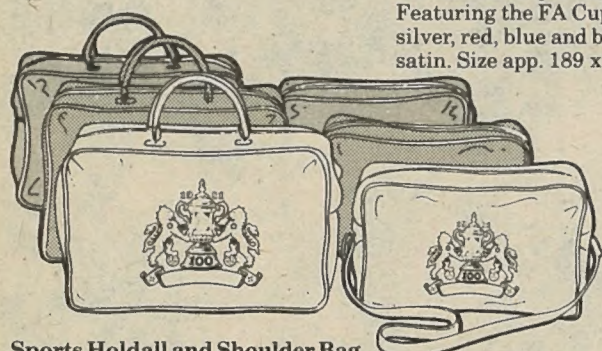
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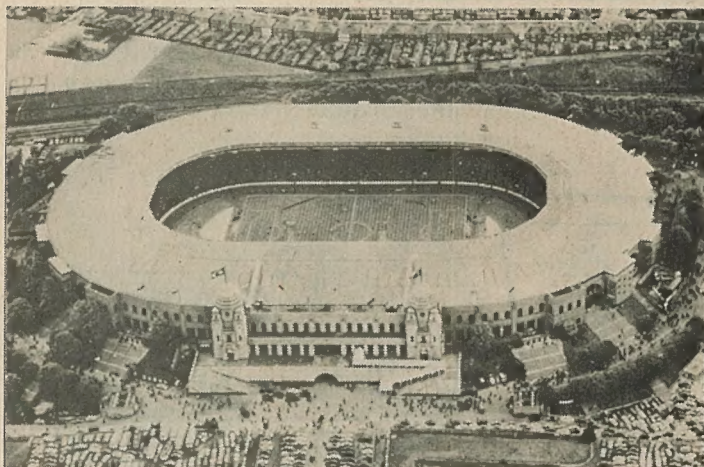
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Everton 2 Arsenal 0	Mansfield 2 1 Carlisle 2 2	Leeds 1 0 Coventry 1 1	Barnsley 2 Torquay 1
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Notts County 0 Peterborough 1	Shrewsbury 0 0 Ipswich 0 3	Newcastle 2 Luton 1	Watford 1 1 Wolves 1 2
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FIFTH ROUND

Southampton 0 0 Everton 0 1	Nottm. Forest 2 Bristol City 1	Tottenham 3 Coventry 1	Middlesbrough 2 Barnsley 1
Peterborough 0 Man. City 1	Ipswich 2 Charlton 0	Newcastle 1 0 Exeter 1 4	Wolves 3 Wrexham 1

SIXTH ROUND

Everton 2 1 Man. City 2 3	Nottm. Forest 3 0 Ipswich 3 1	Tottenham 2 Exeter 0	Middlesbrough 1 1 Wolves 1 3
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SEMI-FINALS

Man. City 1 Ipswich 0 at Villa Park	Tottenham 2 3 Wolves 2 0 at Hillsborough replay at Highbury
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FINAL

MAN CITY v. TOTTENHAM

BROOKING: How different my Cup Final must have been from yours, Jack.

SWAN: It was, Trevor. You played at Wembley, Huddersfield at Stamford Bridge. The F.A. didn't use Wembley until 1923. Our game against Villa attracted 60,000. Funny thing was I had never seen the Chelsea ground, only in pictures.

BROOKING: Wembley feels like home to me. I've played there many times but the atmosphere as we lined-up in the tunnel was memorable. I cherish two great memories of the game, Jack. One was my goal, the other was John Lyall's brilliant tactical ploy to outwit Arsenal. The boss withdrew striker Stuart Pearson into midfield and instructed David Cross to occupy both David O'Leary and Willie Young on his own. It worked. I shall never forget O'Leary and Young yelling to Arsenal's bench they had no one to mark.

SWAN: A bit of controversy at our

game, Trevor. It was 0-0 at full-time and both teams expected to go to Old Trafford for the replay. To our amazement the referee ordered extra-time because the VIP guest, Prince Henry, wanted to see a result. Seven minutes into extra-time Villa won the game when Wilson, our centre-half, jumped with Kirton for a corner and the ball flew past Mutch off Wilson's forehead. Kirton was credited with the goal — and Wilson kept quiet. Dorrell's corner should have been cut out by our full-back Bullock, whose poor eyesight made him misjudge the cross! I could have cried. I think I did afterwards.

BROOKING: How did Huddersfield prepare for the Final, Jack? West Ham treated it as just another game. Two hours training on the Monday; day-off Tuesday; ball work Wednesday; practice game against the reserves instructed to adopt Arsenal's 4-4-2 style Thursday; warm-up, sprints, and a 20-minute five-a-side Friday.

SWAN: It annoys me when people say footballers didn't train years ago. We did special training for the Final at Whitley Bay on the North-



Trevor Brooking in action during the 1980 Final.

Jack Swan, losing Cup Finalist for Huddersfield against Aston Villa in 1920 and the oldest Cup Finalist attending this year's Wembley, meets Trevor Brooking, goalscoring hero of West Ham's victory over Arsenal in the 1980 Final.



Jack Swan before the 1920 Cup Final, and as he is 61 years later.

ANCIENT AND MODERN

East coast. It was murder on that beach, with Bill Norman, an Army P.T. man barking orders. He worked us like dogs and in the time we spent at the seaside, didn't kick one football. They didn't believe in ball-work. I still remember George Richardson's sprints up the beach. He was our winger, a 60 yard dash specialist. He was so quick off the mark, he could beat the starter's gun by spotting the smoke before the report.

BROOKING: West Ham stayed at the Hendon Hall Hotel in North London, the same accommodation we used before beating Fulham in the 1975 Cup Final.

SWAN: Chingford Forest Hotel was our resting place. I caught a bus from my home in Hendon the other day for a nostalgic return 61 years

after Huddersfield's stay. Blow me, I couldn't find it, Trevor. I think they've pulled it down. Nobody had heard of it.

BROOKING: I was in bed by 11.00 on the Friday night after a meal of soup, steak and chips and fruit salad. Up at 9.30 on the Saturday and no breakfast. I read all the morning papers, who were heavily tipping Arsenal. By mid-morning Billy Bonds, Geoff Pike, Pat Holland and I had formed a card school. We got to Wembley at about 1.45. What time did you arrive at the Bridge?

SWAN: About the same time, Trevor. I remember going out to look at the pitch. It was firm, favouring Villa. We liked the softer, heavier grounds. We made sure we locked the dressing room door before we went out. There were lots of burglars around in those days.

BROOKING: Every Cup Final team gets a new kit these days, Jack, and we were no exception. The

Wembley dressing room was spotless and three pairs of my boots were laid out for me. I suppose they'd cost the public about £40 a pair.

SWAN: Hey, we had new kit as well! The blue and white striped shirts had lace up collars. The knickers were long, just above my knee-caps. Sammy Taylor, one of the smallest centre-forwards in the League, couldn't see his knees in his knickers. I relied on my good, trusty old boots given my by the club for that Final. When you joined Huddersfield their boot-maker fitted you out. All leather, I broke them in by sitting in a hot bath wearing only the boots. They moulded to your foot that way. The boots protected your ankles as well in those days, not like the carpet slippers today. I was certainly glad for mine in that Cup Final. Villa had a dirty centre-half named Frank Barson. He was notorious and used to go about with a gang of hooligans in the week. I used to create and score goals and Barson wanted to injure me in the Final. Jack Howcroft, of Bolton, lectured him for having a go. Dirty devil that Barson.

BROOKING: Our manager John Lyall wouldn't tolerate that behaviour, Jack. Hard but fair, that's what John preaches.

SWAN: Our manager, Ambrose Langley, was a funny fellow. As a player with Sheffield Wednesday, he always wore a pair of kid gloves to keep his hands warm. He kept his team talks short. His final words before we left the dressing room for that Final were "get out there and beat them". He was never a man for tactics. The shortest distance between two goals is a straight line — and that's the way he wanted us to go. He paid us £8 a

week, £6 in the close season, £2 bonus if we won, £1 extra for a draw.

BROOKING: We got a bonus for winning the Cup, though it was nothing special. Players are better off today, Jack. I have three businesses on top of football, and live in a comfortable detached house at Shenfield, Essex. I drive a Mercedes and this year I will be holidaying in Florida with my wife Hilka and two small children.

SWAN: Our lives are very different, Trevor. I'm not complaining but I live in a one-room flat with a toilet tucked on. I'm 89 on July 10, and half my pension goes in rent. The left foot that got me lots of goals with Huddersfield, Leeds United and Watford is sound, but my right leg is swollen and gives me bother when I go to a local cafe for my meals. What remains of my family are in the North, so I'm a bit alone.

BROOKING: That's a sad story, Jack, though you're obviously not the sort to complain. I gather the F.A. are giving you a treat for this special 100th Cup Final?

SWAN: As the oldest surviving Cup Final player fit enough to go to Wembley, I'm a VIP guest at a banquet at the Royal Garden Hotel the night before the game, and the next day I meet the captains of Manchester City and Spurs. I'm glad I'm going, otherwise I would have tuned into the game on my wireless. I haven't got a TV.

BROOKING: A final word from you, Jack, on football today compared with your time. We're not that bad, are we?

SWAN: No, you're not, Trevor, but I do think there's too much pattern-weaving. Old Ambrose would have told you to cut out too much fancy stuff!



Huddersfield (stripes) under pressure from Aston Villa at Stamford Bridge.



Manchester City captain and goal-hero Paul Power is beaten by his Ipswich counterpart Mick Mills on this occasion.



Midfield tussle between Gerry Gow and Arnold Muhren.



Happy City players have that Wembley feeling . . . Bobby McDonald, Tommy Caton, Nicky Reid and Kevin Reeves after the extra-time defeat of Ipswich.

STEPS

Spurs defender Paul Miller gets the better of Wolves' Andy Gray.



Osvaldo Ardiles leaps over George Berry as Spurs pile on the pressure.



Spurs skipper Steve Perryman comes away with the ball, watched by team-mate Glenn Hoddle and Wayne Clark.

SHOOT!

100 AND STILL GOING STRONG!

It's the greatest Cup competition of them all — seen by fans all over the world. Here we take a look back at the glorious history of the tournament.

HOW IT BEGAN

THE Football Association Challenge Cup was established at a meeting of the F.A. on July 20, 1871, and was subsequently approved at a further meeting on October 16, 1871.

There were 15 entrants for the original competition, and the appeal of the F.A. Cup has gradually widened to encompass the 478 clubs who took part in this season's competition.

During the 1930's and 40's (excluding the War years) there were more than 600 entrants, but the F.A. has since imposed standards of ability and ground facilities in order to limit the number in competition to a manageable level.

The present trophy is the third to be competed for. The original was stolen from a Birmingham shop window following Aston Villa's success in 1895, while a replica was presented to Lord Kinnaid, then President of the F.A., in recognition of his services to the

game in 1911.

The current trophy was made by Messrs Fattorini & Sons in 1911. It weighs 175 ounces and stands 19 inches high without the ebony plinth. It cost just 50 guineas.

The first Final, played at Kennington Oval on March 16, 1872, was won by Wanderers, who beat Royal Engineers 1-0 in front of a crowd of 2,000.

Wanderers (1876-78) and Blackburn Rovers (1884-86) are the only teams to have won the F.A. Cup three years in succession.

The most successful club in the history of the F.A. Cup are Aston Villa, who have won the trophy seven times so far.

Of this year's Finalists, Spurs have won the Cup on five occasions — the first time while still in the Southern League — while Manchester City have been victorious four times.



1872: Royal Engineers (above) — first F.A. Cup Finalists.

1887: Aston Villa beat W.B.A. at the Kennington Oval.



CUP FINAL FACTS & FIGURES

THE 99 previous F.A. Cup Finals have produced a total of 281 goals, average 2.8 per Final. There has been at least one goal in all 52 Finals played at Wembley.

NINE Finals have gone to replays, but only one of them after a draw at Wembley. That was in 1970, when Chelsea and Leeds United drew 2-2 there after extra-time, and Chelsea won the replay 2-1 at Old Trafford, again after extra-time.

IT'S 28 years since the last individual hat-trick was scored in the Final — by Stan Mortensen, when Blackpool beat Bolton 4-3 in 1953. And there have been only two other three-goal performances in F.A. Cup Final history — by William Townley (Blackburn Rovers 1890) and Jimmy Logan (Notts County 1894).

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From the Shop Window of W. Shillcock, Football Outfitter, Newtown Row, Birmingham, between the hour of 9-30 p.m. on Wednesday, the 11th September, and 7-30 a.m. on Thursday the 12th inst. the

ENGLISH CUP,

the property of Aston Villa F.C. The premises were broken into between the hours named, and the Cup, together with cash in drawer, stolen.

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1895: Sensation! The F.A. Cup is stolen, never to be recovered.



THERE have been three different F.A. Cups presented, and a fourth is in existence. The first, when held by Aston Villa in 1895, was stolen from a Birmingham shop window and never seen again. The second was presented to Lord Kinnaird in 1911, marking his 21 years as president of the Football Association. The third, and present trophy, has been competed for since 1911. The F.A. have had a duplicate made and have locked it in a secret place, ready for the time when the existing Cup is worn beyond further use.

THE last five Finals have been decided by a margin of one goal. Southampton (1976), Ipswich (1978) and West Ham (last year) all won it 1-0, Manchester United were 2-1 winners in 1977 and Arsenal triumphed 3-2 in 1979. Last team to win the Cup by more than one goal were West Ham (2-0 v. Fulham, 1975).

LAST player to score from the penalty spot in the Final was Danny Blanchflower, when Tottenham beat Burnley 3-1 in 1962. Next player to miss from the spot in the F.A. Cup Final will be the first to do so at Wembley. Indeed, in Cup Final history, only one player has missed a penalty — Aston Villa's Charlie Wallace against Sunderland at Crystal Palace in 1913. Villa still won 1-0.

THE 99 F.A. Cup competitions have been won by 40 different clubs. Aston Villa head the list with seven triumphs, and are followed by Blackburn Rovers and Newcastle United each with six.

LAST new name to go on the Cup was that of Ipswich Town, after they beat Arsenal in the 1978 Final.

BIGGEST Cup Final win: Bury 6, Derby County 0, in 1903. Biggest Cup-winning victory at Wembley: 4-1, twice — Portsmouth v. Wolves in 1939 and Derby County v. Charlton when the competition was resumed in season 1945-46, after the War.

INCLUDING nine replays, the 99 F.A. Cup Finals have been staged on 12 different grounds: Wembley 52; Kennington Oval 22 (including two replays); Crystal Palace 21 (including one replay); Stamford Bridge 3; Old Trafford, Manchester 3 (including two replays); and one each at Lillie Bridge, London; Fallofield; Manchester; Anfield, Liverpool; and replays at Derby; Bolton; Goodison Park; and Bramall Lane.

MINIMUM admission charge at the first F.A. Cup Final (Wanderers 1, Royal Engineers 0 at Kennington Oval on March 16, 1872) was one old shilling (5p). This year, as last, the cheapest admission will be £3.50p.

IT has taken 110 years for the F.A. Cup to reach its 100th Final. Reason: the competition was suspended during two World Wars for a total of ten years (1916-19, 1940-45 inclusive).

ONLY one club has reached three F.A. Cup Finals in succession at Wembley: Arsenal in 1978 (losers), 1979 (winners) and 1980 (losers).

PLAYERS were numbered for the first time in the 1933 Final. The winning Everton team wore 1-11, opponents Manchester City were numbered 12-22.

WEMBLEY's first Cup Final programme, in 1923, cost three (old) pence. The programme for this year's 100th Final is priced 80 (new) pence, the same as it was a year ago.

OLDEST surviving Cup-winning captain is Billy Gillespie, Irish international inside-left of the 20's, who skippered Sheffield United to vic-



1911: Bradford City beat Newcastle in a replay at Old Trafford. (above).

1914: Liverpool's first Final, when they are beaten by Burnley (below).



tory against Cardiff in the 1925 Final. Billy is now 89, and lives at Bexley, Kent.

THE most frequent Cup-winning score has been 1-0, 30 times, including seven in the last 13 years.

WITH the interval between Semi-Finals and Final now only four weeks (not so many years ago it was six, sometimes seven), Wembley Stadium cannot wait to find out who the Finalists are before preparing the Cup Final programme. More than 300,000 are produced — there is a heavy mail-order for TV viewers — and in order to begin printing within hours of the Semi-Final winners being known, Wembley "set" arti-

cles, pen-pictures etc., on all four clubs involved in the Semis ... then scrap material on the two losers, update copy on the winners ... and press the printing button.

ONLY one club has lost an F.A. Cup match and then gone on to reach the Final in the same season: Charlton Athletic in 1946. In that first season after the War, travel was difficult for fans, so the competition was played home-and-away until the Semi-Finals. In the Third Round, Charlton lost 2-1 at Fulham, but went through 4-3 on aggregate because they won the home leg 3-1 ... and they went all the way to Wembley.

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1923: The 'White Horse' Final. The first game at Wembley is watched by more than 200,000!



1927: Fred Keenor hugs the Cup as Cardiff beat Arsenal.

100 AND STILL GOING STRONG!

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CHARLES ALCOCK, first secretary of the F.A., was the first Cup-winning captain ... which was fitting, because the competition was his idea. He led Wanderers (a team of ex-public schoolboys and university footballers) to a 1-0 victory in the 1872 Final against Royal Engineers at The Oval.

MOST goals in the F.A. Cup Final: seven on two occasions. The first was in 1890, when Blackburn Rovers beat Sheffield Wednesday 6-1 at The Oval; the second at Wembley in 1953 (Blackpool 4, Bolton 3).

DICK PYM, now 88 and still living at Topsham (near Exeter) in his native Devon, has the best goal-keeping record in Wembley Finals. He played for Bolton there in 1923, 1926 and 1929, and collected three winners' medals without conceding a goal (2-0 v. West Ham, 1-0 v. Man. City and 2-0 v. Portsmouth).

FIRST Cup Final scorer at Wembley: David Jack (Bolton v. West Ham, 1923). First substitute to play in the Final: Dennis Clarke, W.B.A. full-back, in 1968 against Everton.

ONLY 15 clubs entered for the first F.A. Cup in 1871-72. This season there were 478 starters accepted from a total entry of 507.

AND even before this 100th Final is played, the dates of rounds are already scheduled for next season, commencing with the preliminary round on September 5. Then come four qualifying rounds on September 19, October 3, October 17 and October 31. So to the competition proper: First Round November 21; Second Round December 12; Third Round January 2; Fourth Round January 23; Fifth Round February 13; Sixth Round March 6; Semi-Finals on April 3 ... and the 101st F.A. Cup Final at Wembley on May 22.

BETWEEN them, the clubs who have reached Wembley this year have won nine of the previous 99 F.A. Cup Finals: Tottenham 5, Manchester City 4.

BOTH managers have been involved before at Wembley on F.A. Cup Day. John Bond (Man. City) played at right-back in the West Ham

1948: Six goals at Wembley as Man. Utd beat Blackpool 4-2.



1953: The most famous Final of them all, when Stanley Matthews inspires Blackpool to a fantastic recovery to beat Bolton 4-3.

team that beat Preston 3-2 in the 1964 Final, and Keith Burkinshaw (Spurs) was coach to the Newcastle side beaten 3-0 by Liverpool at Wembley in 1974.

SPURS have an extraordinary F.A. Cup Final record: Played five, Won five — in 1901, 1921, 1961, 1962 and 1967.

MANCHESTER CITY have appeared in seven previous F.A. Cup Finals. They were winners four times in 1904, 1934, 1956 and 1969, and Wembley losers in 1926, 1933 and 1955.

BETTING on this year's Final is the closest for years. After beating Wolves in the Semi-Final replay, Tottenham were quoted as 4-5 favourites, with Man. City at 11-10 against.



1956: The moment Man City keeper Bert Trautmann broke his neck — but plays on.

F.A. MANHUNT



How they tracked down the Wembley captains

THE 100th F.A. Cup Final will not just be about the present day stars of Manchester City and Spurs. For the Football Association celebrations to mark this special occasion will rely heavily on nostalgia.

The reminiscing will begin on the Friday night at a special banquet which will take place at the Royal Garden Hotel in Kensington.

More than 600 guests will be in attendance, with representatives of FIFA, UEFA and many other governing bodies in attendance.

But pride of place will go to those who have performed so heroically on the very centre of the stage — the Wembley turf.

For the F.A. have invited every surviving Cup-winning captain to attend, and of the 36 still alive, 30 will be present at the banquet.

The man whose job it was to trace all those former Wembley heroes is F.A. official David Barber, who spent the best part of last November writing to all the clubs concerned in the hope of tracking down the players to make this a memorable occasion.

"I must give credit to the clubs, because without exception they were all most obliging in supplying me with addresses and phone numbers," Barber said.



Sheffield Utd's Billy Gillespie (left) with Joe Smith of Bolton before the 1923 semi-final.

"The oldest surviving Cup winning skipper is Billy Gillespie, who led Sheffield United in their 1-0 victory over Cardiff in 1925. Billy is now 89, but unfortunately won't be able to attend.

"The same goes for Tom Smith, the Preston skipper in 1938, but the oldest captain who will be in attendance is Tom Parker, from Arsenal's 1930 side."

"I had quite a job tracking Tom Parker down, because nobody seemed to know of his whereabouts. Even Arsenal didn't know where he was, so I crossed him off my list.

"Then I received a phone call telling me that Tom was alive and well and living in Hampshire, and I'm delighted to report that he will be with us on Cup Final day."

Honour

Other veteran stars who will be guests of honour include Jack Swan, a member of the Huddersfield team beaten in the 1920 Final, and Huddersfield 'keeper Dick Pym, who gained a hat-trick of winners' medals in the 20's.

"I was put in contact with Jack when a friend of his read a piece in one of the papers about our search for the oldest surviving Finalist," continued Barber.

"I was told Jack went for a drink in the Hendon ex-Servicemen's club most lunchtimes, so I went down there one day to meet him.

"Sure enough he was there, and after holding up a picture of the 1920 Huddersfield team, I knew we had found our man."

All 30 captains plus Swan and Pym will arrive in London on the Friday night. They will then be taken by coach to the banquet before an overnight stay.

On Saturday morning they will be taken for a special reception at the Wembley Conference Centre

before moving on to the Wembley pitch, where they will take part in the marvellous parade of old timers an hour before the big kick-off.

All these men who hold a special

place in the F.A. Cup's unique history will then watch the Final from the comfort of the private box before returning home with their memories of a great day out.

The 36 surviving F.A. Cup winning captains are;

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Tom Smith (Preston 1938)
Jimmy Guthrie (Portsmouth 1939)
Don Welsh (Charlton 1947)
Johnny Carey (Man Utd 1948)
Billy Wright (Wolves 1949)
Joe Mercer (Arsenal 1950)
Joe Harvey (Newcastle 1951 and 1952)
Len Millard (WBA 1954)
Jimmy Scouler (Newcastle 1955)
Roy Paul (Man City 1956)
Johnny Dixon (A Villa 1957)
Nat Lofthouse (Bolton 1958)
Jack Burkitt (Forest 1959)
Bill Slater (Wolves 1960)
Danny Blanchflower (Spurs 1961 and 1962)
Noel Cantwell (Man Utd 1963)
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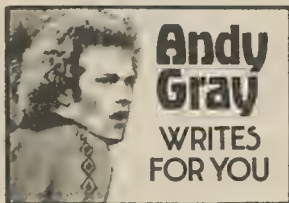


WEMBLEY'S FOREIGN STARS

Although Tottenham's Argentinian duo Ricardo Villa and Osvaldo Ardiles will be the first Argentinians to appear in an F.A. Cup Final, they will be by no means the first foreigners to play in a Final.

There have already been eleven Finalists born outside the United Kingdom, not including the Republic of Ireland, although all had lived in Britain for most of their lives. They are:

Alec Bell (S Africa) Man Utd 1909
Tony Whitson (S Africa) Newcastle 1910
Charlie Preedy (India) Arsenal 1930
Charlie Mitten (India) Man Utd 1948
George Robledo (Chile, above) Newcastle 1951 and 1952
Ted Robledo (Chile) Newcastle 1952
Bill Perry (S Africa) Blackpool 1953
Bert Trautmann (Germany) Man City 1956
Des Horne (S Africa) Wolves 1960
Albert Johanneson (S. Africa) Leeds 1965
Jimmy Nicholl (Canada) Man Utd 1977 and 1979



I'M NOT sure if I'll watch the Cup Final. Seriously, I was so disappointed at missing the replay against Spurs with a hamstring injury that it'll be agony to see the Londoners playing Manchester City at Wembley.

I suppose my absence gave the knockers another chance to have a go at 'injury-prone Gray'. If having the first hamstring injury of my career makes me injury-prone I'll own up to it!

The defeat at Highbury was, really, the end of a very poor season for Wolves. A season that promised

'WOLVES BADLY NEED NEW FACES'

so much, but gave so little. I wrote before the campaign started that I had one or two fears, which proved justified.

I think everyone must take their share of the blame. Players, management and coaches. Our F.A. Cup run disguised the reality of the situation of the side.

We've been crying out for new faces and had they arrived it may have given us the boost we needed. Instead of that we've soldiered on with the players we have. I include myself when I say we probably haven't worked hard enough at our game.

I want to go on record and say I have no intention of asking Wolves for a move in view of our poor performances. I've enjoyed my two years at Molineux and have the highest regard for manager John Barnwell.

If Wolves see fit to sell me in order to raise money for players... well, that's another matter. It's a fact that there are only two or three players here who would attract the sort of cash the club needs for reinforcements. I'm one of them.

No player is indispensable. Birmingham City fans may have thought that about Trevor Francis, but Blues prospered after he was sold to Forest.

I believe Wolves are capable of playing much better than we have this season. The fans are, understandably, frustrated. They were rightly expecting a lot more from us.

They may have forgiven us if we'd reached Wembley, but we lost our way before then.

A lot has been said about our Dad's Army line-up. True, five of our players are 30 or over. Yet anyone who saw our extra-time performances against Middlesbrough and Spurs must agree our golden oldies finished the stronger.

At Hillsborough, youngsters such

as Glenn Hoddle were going down with cramp. Emyln Hughes, Willie Carr and others were still full of running.

Perhaps we do need to lower the average age of the team, but I don't believe a player is ready to be put out to grass when he reaches 30.

Everyone at Molineux will be doing a lot of thinking this summer, because we simply *must* learn from the lessons of 1980/81.

Meanwhile, my old club Aston Villa have been pushing for the Championship. No club deserves it more and I'm particularly thrilled for Gordon Cowans, Ken McNaught and the rest who were at Villa Park with me. The fans are magnificent

and you won't find a trace of bitterness in me.

Whether I tune in on Saturday afternoon or not, I hope the Final is an exciting one. There must be doubts. Teams become inhibited when playing at Wembley.

Cup Final replays are usually more exciting as the pressure of playing at Wembley is off. Strange as it may sound, it isn't so bad losing at Villa Park or Old Trafford in a second game.

I predict Manchester City will win. City won't let Spurs' midfield



"Emlyn Hughes was still going strong at Hillsborough while Glenn Hoddle went down with cramp."

control the game as we did at Highbury. The Manchester side has aggression in the middle of the park which could stifle Glenn Hoddle and Ossie Ardiles.

If I do watch the match, like the rest of the Wolves players — and Ipswich too — I shan't enjoy it. Losing Semi-Finalists just sit there and think it could have been them.

Join me in a fortnight when I'll be talking about the game I'd love to play in: England/Scotland.

Andy Gray



ALAN Oakes, Chester's Peter Pan player-manager, will be back again as his team's midfield driving force next season — and in sight of becoming one of football's all time record breakers.

At 38, he is now the senior statesman of the game. He played his 900th first team match at Easter. Can he now go on to that 1,000 barrier... during which he would surely smash Terry Paine's all time League record of 824 appearances?

Both targets will require two full seasons, but the evergreen Oakes refuses to contemplate

matches for Manchester City (for whom he played a record 565 League games between 1959 and 1976), he picks two as his memories of a lifetime: the F.A. Cup Final win against Leicester in 1969 and the Championship campaign of 1967-68.

It is a very different world now for the burly Oakes. "Chester isn't a football town and I find that very sad," says the man who took over the reigns there in 1976. "People do not realise just what kind of shoestrung we live on."

"It is very much a question of cutting a quid here and a quid

central defender Peter Zelen.

"I take real enjoyment out of grooming young players. We worked hard on Ian and now we are doing the same for these three and other young players who come to the club. You have to be careful about 'bleeding' them when you are having a poor season but we've picked the right games for them in which to find their feet."

Oakes steers a well plotted course, too, in getting the balance right in his vital roles as manager and key player. "During games I'm just another player. The substitu-

OAKES AIMS FOR PAINE'S RECORD

the moment when he will close the curtain on one of football's greatest playing careers. "The time to stop will come when I no longer enjoy it," he says.

"There is no sign of that happening yet. By enjoyment, I mean the training just as much as the playing. You cannot do anything by halves, and good preparation is all important to contributing your share on the pitch."

From that mountain of first team

there. This is the only way to survive, especially if you have a bad season such as we've had. There is a hard core support of around 2,000 and we get down to that level on occasions."

The realistic Oakes rates his number one pleasure "as seeing Chester win" but his work with young players is vital to the club's existence. The £300,000 sale of Ian Rush to Liverpool just a year ago was a master stroke.

Rush has been succeeded at Sealand Road by three more outstanding prospects: Wales Youth squad goalkeeper Philip Harrington, full-back Paul Needham and

tions will be called from the bench where our trainer, Vince Pritchard, is able to take a detached view.

"In the dressing room at half-time, I'll speak first but then the floor is available for two or three others to say their piece."

Does he ever hanker after a top job back with a top club? "Every-one in football wants something better; that's the nature of the game. I think too, that working with tight financial limits at a small club makes it easier to operate at a big one. But I'd like to take Chester into the Second for the first time in the club's history — that's a marvellous challenge!"

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BURY manager Jim Iley has given mid-field player Tommy Gore a dressing down.

Gore was substituted in a 2-2 draw with struggling Tranmere at Gigg Lane. At the end of the game, Iley took him aside and gave the player a rocket.

Apparently, Gore was told that unless his game improves he will struggle to get a first team place. Gore cost Iley £20,000 when he signed from Wigan.

Iley, the former Spurs wing-half, is gaining a reputation for imposing strict discipline.

Bury centre-forward Steve Johnson was axed and replaced by reserve striker Craig Madden and Alan Waldron has been told to look for another club.

But Paul Cruickshank's midfield displays have won Iley's approval.

"He is doing a tremendous job," beams Iley. "He has looked our best midfield player."

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Cliff Lloyd tribute

MANCHESTER UNITED have delayed the departure of their end of season tour to support the testimonial match for long-serving secretary of the Professional Footballers Association, Cliff Lloyd.

Teams representing England and Scotland will play at Old Trafford on Monday, May 4 (3 p.m.).

Lloyd, a former Liverpool player, has been associated with the PFA since 1930.

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Coventry's Negus

ROGER VAN GOOL is rapidly building himself a reputation as the next Arthur Negus with his keenness for antiques.

The Coventry winger is good friends with Mick Coop, who said: "He has now decided to go the whole hog and get rid of his existing furniture in favour of antiques."

"My problem is that when I go to auctions and am bidding against a man with a foreign accent, it usually turns out to be Roger. If he keeps this up he will become a regular Arthur Negus!"



UP YOU GET, PETER.
Top referee Joseph Worrall offers Peter Withe a helping hand in the game between Wolves and Aston Villa. Who says the relationship between players and referees has gone sour?

ALBION 'UNKNOWN' TIPPED FOR STARDOM

ENGLAND boss Ron Greenwood called in at West Brom recently to run the rule over Derek Statham and Peter Barnes, but left full of admiration for 19-year-old central defender Martyn Bennett (right).

Bennett had faced Forest's Trevor Francis and suppressed the England striker's menace. Now he could be heading for a spot in the England Under-21 set up.

Bennett says: "All I am concerned with is establishing myself in the West Brom first team."

Bennett came into the side this season when the regular John Wile-Ally Robertson defensive partnership was broken through Robertson's suspension.

Albion boss Ron Atkinson reckons he has unearthed a real talent and he says of Bennett: "He is strong, quick, good in the air and has the ability to take the game by the scruff of the neck. I'm certain he is going all the way to full international honours."



Give Joe his money

JOE JORDAN should get the £1,000 a week he demands from Manchester United and Nottingham Forest must silence the poisonous tongues that threaten to drive Peter Shilton out of the country.

That is the opinion of Manchester City's star winger Dennis Tueart expressed in his popular column in the much acclaimed Manchester Evening News.

NEWS DESK

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Saint watch

MIKE MCCARTNEY, Southampton's former Carlisle United full back, is being watched by Dundee United and Aberdeen.

McCartney, who played in Saints first 13 League games this season, has since lost his place to Nick Holmes.

Bryan Robson signs up

FORMER Aston Villa boss Vic Crowe, who now spends half the year in America as boss of Portland Timbers, and Eric Woodward, who recently quit as Villa's commercial manager, have gone into man management.

They have started a company to look after the interests of the top football stars in the Midlands. Their first signing is West Brom and England midfield ace Bryan Robson.

Woodward and Crowe have the backing of Albion manager Ron Atkinson who says: "Good agents are worth their weight in gold to players as far as marketing them commercially is concerned."



A FAIR COP. Liverpool's midfield star Terry McDermott 'arrests' a policeman in a humorous moment before the Anfield club's European Cup Semi-Final first-leg match against Bayern Munich.

BRIGHTON season ticket holders could pay less for their football next season.

Season ticket prices announced for next season have generally been held despite the club's heavy running costs and the club has announced a scheme whereby existing season ticket holders may renew their tickets at a much lower figure than they have paid for the current season.

In order to take advantage of the new scale of charges, supporters will have had to renew their tickets before the end of April.

In addition, the club is offering ground season tickets for admission to the covered South West Terracing at substantial savings. These tickets are limited to 1,500 for adults and 300 for children under 16 and Senior Citizens.

Wark tipped

JOHN WARK's incredible goal-poaching exploits this season look certain to win him the Young European Player of the Year award, organised by Italian magazine *Guerin Sportivo*.

Jimmy Case and Garry Birtles have won the trophy in recent years.

What about Sophia?

FRANK STAPLETON recently completed his third 'Focus' for SHOOT. In the first two questionnaires, Frank said that the person in the world he would most like to meet was actress Sophia Loren.

However, in last month's issue Frank's answer to the last question on our list was Pope John Paul.

Did he in the meantime meet Sophia? And with such an interest in Italian affairs, don't be surprised if Frank goes to Italy when his contract at Arsenal expires at the end of the season.

Wigan's shopping spree

LARRY LLOYD, the player-manager Wigan recruited from Nottingham Forest, is likely to have a clearout at his new club.

Lloyd was reported to be furious with Wigan's performance in losing to Bournemouth at home.

He has already compiled a list of players he would like to sign. It is understood that he is particularly anxious to sign a midfielder player and a striker.

One of the most competitive men in the game, don't be surprised if big Larry soon gets his new team heading in the right direction.

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PREDICTIONS aren't my strong point — if I pick a team to win something it's usually "the kiss of death" — but I can safely say there'll be a tremendous turn out at Wembley next Wednesday when the Brazilian Soccer Show hits town.

Ever since the great days of Pele, Jairzinho and Tostao — a trio blessed with the most flamboyant, exciting soccer skills — Brazil have been an extra-special attraction the world over.

I can remember marvelling at their displays through the 60's, culminating in their World Cup triumph in 1970 in Mexico, which brought them a hat-trick of trophy wins.

In those days they scorned defensive play, and their attitude was: "No matter how many goals the opposition scores, we'll score more."

Unfortunately with the loss of their greatest players, Brazil went into something of a decline, and it was sad to see them playing so unadventurously in the 1974 World Cup Finals in West Germany.

It tarnished their golden image. But following that spell in the

doldrums, they reverted to their former go-for-goal philosophy and once again joined the ranks of the most enjoyable sides to watch — and play against.

All players dream of the chance to appear against the Brazilians, and my first came when England competed in the American Bi-Centennial Tournament in 1976.

We lost 1-0 in the Los Angeles stadium, but I sincerely believe that if we hadn't been afflicted by jet-lag we would have reversed that result.

My second outing against Brazil came a year later, in Rio, and ranks as one of the most memorable moments in my career. The setting was the Maracana stadium, a fabulous place, in an atmosphere more fitting for a carnival.

The odds were really against us, as England had been beaten in all four previous matches on Brazilian soil!

'A hat-trick of World Cup wins'

Pele holds the Jules Rimet trophy aloft after Brazil's third Final success in 1970 in Mexico.



'A JOY TO PLAY BRAZIL'

'England drew with Brazil in 1978 with a goal from Keegan'



Ray Clemence
TALKING SOCCER

eye for goalscorers, and I was impressed with their centre-forward and captain, Socrates, who took a fine penalty against the Uruguayans.

This game is an ideal warm-up for the World Cup qualifying games ahead of us next month, when we play Switzerland and Hungary away, and once again I expect Ron Greenwood to opt for experienced

campaigners with perhaps one or two of the newer caps.

Players are influenced by past results, and we're encouraged by the fact that we have a good record against World Cup Champions at Wembley, having beaten West Germany in 1975 and Argentina in 1980.

Strangely enough, England's only victory against Brazil occurred in our first meeting — in 1956, by 4-2 — on our home ground.

Spectator

It would be a morale-boost if next Wednesday we could beat them again.

I'll be in the role of spectator for the F.A. Cup Final this Saturday.

The Chinese have designated 1981 as "The Year of the Cockerel", and I fully expect this to apply to Spurs, my tip to win the Cup.

But, as I stated earlier, predictions aren't my strong point, and so Man. City can take heart!

My chance to be a Cup-winner will come on May 27th, in Paris, when Liverpool play Real Madrid for the European Cup.

Ray Clemence

So it was a tremendous feeling to stride off at the end of 90 minutes having kept a clean sheet and helped England gain a draw.

I missed the next meeting, at Wembley in 1978, when England drew 1-1, with a goal from Kevin Keegan, as I was required for duty with Liverpool. Joe Corrigan wore the number one shirt.

But providing our manager, Ron Greenwood, sticks to his policy of alternating Peter Shilton and me, and I'm not called upon to remain at Anfield and prepare for the rearranged League game against F.A. Cup Finalists Manchester City, I'll be lining up against the Brazilians at Wembley.

I doubt if my club boss, Bob Paisley, will refuse to release the Liverpool contingent called up for England, as the game against City has nothing hanging on its result.

Playing on the other side of the world, it's difficult for me to keep track of the Brazilians. I saw TV clips of their Final against Uruguay in the Copa de Oro, which they lost, and they were strangers to me.

Their new manager, Santana, has placed the emphasis on youth, and is working them up in preparation for the 1982 World Cup in Spain.

Being a 'keeper, I tend to have an



Paulo Isidoro in action against Uruguay in the Copa de Oro.



Watch out for central defender Luizinho — reports suggest he's dynamite.



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OPEN BOYS BRAZIL

game against them is always memorable, one way or the other. They have a relatively new manager and a team that has only two or three players who will be known to England fans. Here we spotlight some of the men who will face England at Wembley on May 12th in the 12th meeting of the nations. At the moment the 'score' is Brazil 6, England 1, with four draws...



Winger Ze Sergio could revel in the open spaces of Wembley.

SHOOT!

SHOOT: How important is the game at Wembley?

SANTANA: The game is important in as much that it is another test for our team. When I was consulted on the games to be played in Europe, I said I only wanted to play against the best — England, West Germany, Belgium and France, the latter I heard had a very good technical team. It is no good playing against poor opposition, because it does not test the players and gives them nothing to measure themselves against. We must learn to play against the harder tackling European style of play. We must learn to adapt our game to playing them in addition to finding ways to overcome our

somewhat controversial with both sides accusing the other of unsporting play. Did you see any of that game?

SANTANA: Yes, I saw the game on television — mind you, I am in no way exempting either from blame, as both were somewhat violent. Brazilian football is very technical and we do not encounter the sharp tackling that is the basis of your game. Consequently, I believe our players did not know how to cope with it and also tried to 'dish it out'. Much the same thing occurred in the Copa de Oro match against Argentina. Very early on, Passarella committed a terrible foul on Batista (they believed that he was going to be our 'iron man'

to mark Maradona out of the game). Our players started to return the fouls with interest, I was yelling myself hoarse trying to get them to stop it, and play football, and only during the interval did I manage to calm them down. I told them, no matter what, stick to playing football and we can win and we should have. How many chances did we miss? . . . I have emphasised over and over again: to combat opponents violence we must use our technical skills and make them pay in that way.

SHOOT: Are you confident this

game can show the better aspects of football?

SANTANA: I insist on my players respecting the laws of the game and their opponents. A dirty player has no place in my squad and I had to warn one player in a training game that, if he continued to do what he was doing, he would be out.

SHOOT: How good is this Brazil team? The yardstick British fans have is the 1970 side.

SANTANA: No, we are not yet there — the game is different nowadays. There are more tactics and much more covering by defences which, when compared with 1970 defences, are far

ENGLAND v. BRAZIL...WEMBLEY...MAY 12th.

Three-times World Champions Brazil parade their new team at Wembley next week, the first game of their short tour of Europe. **SHOOT** flew to Rio de Janeiro to talk to manager Tele Santana as he prepared the squad.

'This team can be as good as the 1970 side' says Brazil manager **TELE SANTANA**

deficiencies and playing to our strengths.

SHOOT: What does playing at Wembley mean to Brazil?

SANTANA: Not much really — when we play we do not care about the crowd or the stage, all we want is a good field and knowing the Wembley turf that is all I wanted, plus the good class opposition.

SHOOT: How much do you know about the current England side?

SANTANA: Very little — I have not seen them play since the Argentina match, but I do have video tapes involving the principal English (and Scottish, Welsh and Irish) players including those who are considered up-and-coming youngsters.

SHOOT: The last game between the two teams at Wembley was

The great Brazil team of 1970. Back row: Carlos Alberto, Felix, Brito, Wilson Piazza, Clodoaldo, Everaldo. Front row: Jairzinho, Gerson, Tostao, Pele and Rivelino.



superior. The players we had then were good; the present team has not reached these standards yet. The human material is excellent and there is no reason to suppose that the present team cannot reach the same heights.

SHOOT: Why is it, though, that the sparkle seems to have disappeared from Brazilian soccer?

SANTANA: You cannot always have great players. All teams have their ups and downs and you must, in the modern era, adapt your style of play to the players available, but we do have some brilliant players and I hope you will see some of their potential.

SHOOT: Which players could shine

pressure exercised by the Press can result in a job loss.

SHOOT: With inflation in Brazil high, and other domestic problems, is it true that there is extra pressure on the soccer team to be successful to make the people happy?

SANTANA: I think you will agree that to win is far more important to me than to the government! If the results are poor they will not lose their jobs, — I will! But no pressure whatsoever can ensure a good result, a win is decided on the field by the players. Even if you do win, not everyone in Brazil is a football fan; there are many who in no way would forget their problems with a



at Wembley?

SANTANA: Sorry, I will never single out individual players, but on such a fine turf at Wembley they should all be able to shine.

SHOOT: What will you be looking for from Brazil on this tour?

SANTANA: Knowledge of our adversaries and the possibility of giving our players the necessary experience of top class European football, as we are still a very young team and have a lot to learn.

SHOOT: It seems to us that the coach of Brazil is always one result away from being sacked. Do you feel under constant pressure?

SANTANA: Yes, unfortunately, but this is principally because of Press pressure. My directors are not easily rattled, however, the

LEFT: ... Stars of the Copa de Oro: Edvaldo and Oscar.

BELOW: ... Gil in action against England in 1978 — he scored Brazil's goal at Wembley.



simple win by Brazil's football team!

SHOOT: If you were a betting man, who would you put your money on for 1982?

SANTANA: I am not a betting man, but if I did not believe we could win, I would be a fraud to stay in the job. I think we have a very good chance — you like betting? 24 to 1 are the odds for picking the winner!!

SHOOT: How significant was the Copa de Oro?

SANTANA: It was practice for the future World Cup, but it was also most important that we showed the world that we were not dead and buried, that we still have the technique and the quality of our predecessors. You cannot imagine the amount of mail, telegrams and phone calls we have received. Miljanic of Yugoslavia telephoned me imploring us to play in Belgrade on our tour, saying: "I have waited a long time to see brilliant football like yours again — name your price." Not satisfied, he telephoned twice again, plus sending two telex messages — and he was only one amongst many others who wanted to play us. This pleased the professionals amongst us tremendously, both players and the technical committee in addition to giving us great confidence in ourselves.

SHOOT: And the game at Wembley?

SANTANA: This confidence now is high. Every time we come on the field, we feel that we are going to win. The crowd will not affect us, the pitch is perfect and suits our style of play. I am confident we can produce good football at Wembley, as we should on all the European pitches, which are excellent.

Watch out for Socrates

THERE were just three English journalists in July for the Copa de Oro — one of them was BBC commentator John Motson, there on a busman's holiday at his own expense.

The F.A. were represented by regional coach Robin Russell. Motson has a message for all the stay-aways.

"It was the finest international tournament for years," he says. "The clips you saw on TV may have given the impression it was a violent tournament."

"True enough three players were sent-off and there were other scuffles. But those incidents do not detract from the quality of the football."

"Brazil can boast any number of new names. The best are centre-half Luizinho, left-back Junior, centre-forward Socrates and outside-left Ze Sergio."

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Two player-managers with different fortunes—and similar problems

"MY status as a player is straightforward," says Howard Kendall. "I pick myself as the best player on the staff to do that job."

"If there is anyone with a better claim, he will play. When the time comes to replace myself, I'll do it... mind you, I don't send scouts to look at midfield players!"

"Seriously, I've always regarded myself as fortunate. When you see players leaving the game, you can only be thankful that you've been so lucky."

'Satisfying'

"I've had bad injuries but I've never had serious ones. That is one of the two main reasons why I've reached 600 games: the other is professionally satisfying."

"It has to mean that I've maintained a level of consistency throughout my career — otherwise those managers I've played for would not have selected me."

It was back in 1964 that the name of Howard Kendall rang around the football world — when he became (then) the youngest ever player in an F.A. Cup Final.

At 17 years 346 days, he stepped out to the roar of Wembley to face West Ham, who were the strong favourites. "I think that because I was so young, people were

expecting me to make costly mistakes. I was very pleased afterwards to know that I hadn't done, even though we lost 3-2."

"My greatest memory, however, is winning a League Championship medal with Everton in 1969-70. To be part of such a great side with so many tremendous players was an honour. I think that any professional would say that to be part of a team that proves itself the best in the land over a 42 match season is the finest reward of all."

Ironically, Kendall's name is now being linked with the manager's job at Everton, but he prefers to talk only about Blackburn.

"There were a lot of problems at the start but we sorted them out and I've been helped by having a staff of fine professionals," he says. "When I first took over, we had been relegated from the Second. It was a tough beginning."

Kendall was perfectly equipped to handle it. His massive background of experience and success enabled him to pick up a club that had fallen on one of the hardest times in its 100 years history.

Kendall doesn't scout for midfield players

"I was grateful to Alan Durban for my first insight into management. He appointed me player-coach at Stoke and I gained a great deal of knowledge during my couple of years there. It equipped me for the job at Blackburn and helped me to look at the club's difficulties in a positive light. I don't need anyone to tell me when I've gone wrong, because I'm aware of the fact myself."

"The greatest pleasure of this season has been them proving to me what I was sure about when we were in the Third, that we are good enough to more than hold our own at a far higher level."

Team-mates can criticise boss Turner

THE career of Shrewsbury's Graham Turner is almost totally opposite to that of Kendall. He had to wait until he was past his 30th birthday before kicking a ball beyond the lower reaches of Third and Fourth Division football.

Now 33, the powerful Turner reflects: "I'm an ordinary sort of player who gets by on graft and hard work. There is no doubt that my happiest memories have all come in the last two and a half years."

It is a modest undersell of his own ability — Turner may have waited a long time but he has performed superbly as both a manager and a player in the Second Division. He is the hub of the side and the inspiration of the club.

Just before Christmas, 1978, manager Richie Barker left Gay Meadow to work with John Barnwell at Wolves. Turner stepped up as player-manager and promptly set a standard which spread shock waves throughout football.

'Organised'

In a brilliant F.A. Cup run, they bounced Second Division Cambridge and First Division Manchester City out of the F.A. Cup. Then Wolves needed two tight games before squeezing past a brilliantly organised Shrewsbury.

That, even more than the exciting Cup matches, was the moment when Turner had to prove himself. Shrewsbury were chasing promotion and the Third Division is littered with ambitious sides who crumble after a Cup run.

"But we were not going to let anything go. We retained this tremendous spirit in the club and it was a great moment when we won the Third Division Championship to take the club into the Second for the first time," recalls Turner.

"Then we rounded everything off nicely by winning the Welsh Cup. The club was really on the map."

The problem was keeping it

there, in spectators, finance and tradition, Shrewsbury could not compare to many Second Division clubs — but, under Turner, they competed. "We struggled for a while but then we hit a terrific spell."

"We started a run of eight wins in nine matches with a victory at Chelsea, who were then second in the table. Then we went on to beat some very good sides like Newcastle, Birmingham and Q.P.R."

"I'll carry on playing just as long as I match up to my own standards. That means enjoying training and experiencing that special feeling of being excited about the match ahead. I love the physical side and it is not until all of these things leave me that I will call it a day."

Turner, as a manager, believes that discipline begins with himself. "One of the finest things in football is that comradeship of being one of the lads in the dressing room. I knew that I would miss it badly — but as soon as I became a manager, I stepped out."

"Familiarity breeds contempt. I don't change with the players for training and I don't mix socially. I am absolutely certain that the 'boss' has to stand apart."

"In the dressing room at half-time, however, any player has the right to criticise me in a constructive sense."



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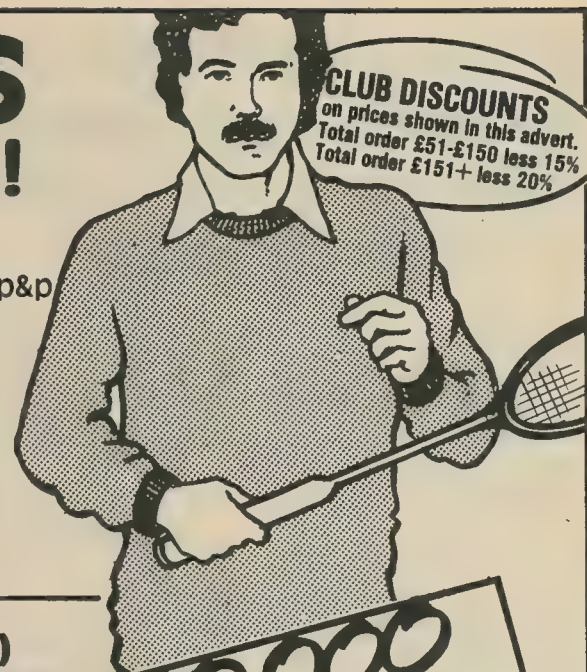
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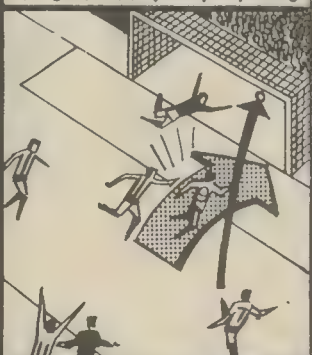
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A player is about to shoot when an opponent pushes one of his team-mates into an offside position. The player in possession then scores. Should you award:
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When looking at a team sheet before a game should you point out to your linesmen certain players who should be watched closely?



ANSWERS

1. Yes. 2. Award a penalty (a). 3. Award a goal (b). 4. A goal (a). 5. Yes. I believe there are players in the game who need to be helped and others who go beyond the laws of the game. There is one international player who, in my opinion, is one of the best in the game, but who has a tendency to dispute referee's and linesmen's decisions. So I always tell my linesmen that when this particular player says something they should tell him: "Get on with the game and keep quiet." It certainly helps the player in question because it keeps him on the field.

JIM CLUNIE would surely be forgiven for quitting the game altogether after the way football has treated him this season.

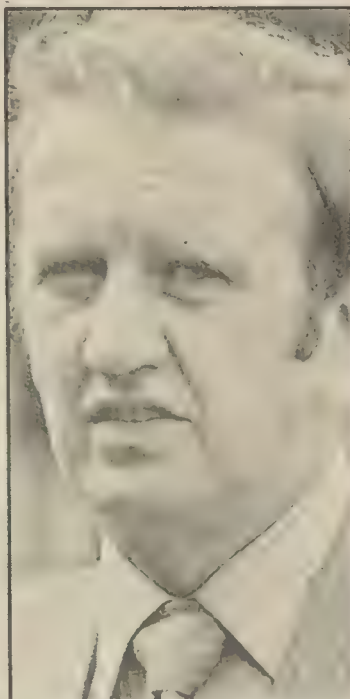
Lady Luck hasn't so much frowned upon him as roared defiance at the recently appointed Kilmarnock manager. Imagine the scene at the start of the season.

Clunie had just led St. Mirren to third place in the Premier Division behind Aberdeen and Celtic the previous term and clinched a place in Europe for the Love Street side for the first time in their history.

The team looked fairly settled. Goalkeeper Billy Thomson, bought by Clunie from Partick Thistle reserves for only £50,000, was rated in the £500,000 bracket and Doug Somner, another snip at £100,000 from Thistle, was the most consistent goalscorer in Scotland.

Yet, only three days after beating mighty Celtic 2-1 in the League at Parkhead, Clunie found himself out of a job and the St. Mirren board admitted bluntly: "It wasn't just for football reasons."

Apparently, Margaret Foulds,



NO MIRACLE FOR SHOCKED CLUNIE

wife of Gordon Foulds who was later to become chairman for a few months before quitting after a boardroom upheaval, didn't like the odd four letter word which peppered Clunie's phrases every now and then.

"It was the silliest sacking in football, but, after the smoke had died down and everyone had had their say, it didn't change one important factor... Jim Clunie was still out of a job.

"The decision to fire me was a shock," admits Clunie. "When I was told I was getting the heave I couldn't take it all in. I heard what the board were saying, but it didn't make sense.

'Useless'

"It took a while before the words eventually got through to me. I was left in a useless position. Football, after all, had been my complete life. I didn't have a trade outside the game."

Clunie was brought back into the Premier Division dogfight when Davie Sneddon was sacked as manager of faltering Kilmarnock and he took over at Rugby Park.

"I was delighted to be running a club again, but I felt sorry for Davie Sneddon," says Clunie.

"It's a shame the only way you can get a job in football management is at the expense of another professional. That's the situation, though, and it's not going to change overnight."

The delight of bouncing back into football, however, was tinged with dejection, for Kilmarnock, of course, lost their Premier Division status and kick-off next season in

the First Division.

"I said when I took over at Kilmarnock that only a miracle would keep us in the Top Ten," says Clunie. "Unfortunately, that miracle didn't happen.

"It was inevitable that we would go down, but we shouldn't be too downhearted. There are some exceptionally good players here and we can get back up in one go if our attitude is right."

Clunie still tackles his job with the relish he showed as an uncompromising centre-half in his days as a player with St. Mirren and Aberdeen.

He has learned his trade the hard way and wants to be remembered as a winner. He left his post as assistant manager to Lawrie McMenemy at Southampton to make his own way in the game.

The knocks have come at a fast and furious rate. The sacking from St. Mirren... the relegation with Kilmarnock. Those two body blows would surely have knocked the stuffing out of a lesser man.

Clunie, though, is a fighter. He deserves a better share of the good fortune next season. Lady Luck can't be so cruel next time out.

Certainly Clunie's record in management stands comparison with any of Scotland's top bosses. He has the ability and experience to guide Kilmarnock back into the Premier Division. He certainly deserves his share of luck.

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TWO Football League managers will be watching next week's Final with differing interests. West Ham's John Lyall "because I can't wait to see Tbilisi again — they're such a fabulous side" ... and Newport County's Len Ashurst, because against Carl-Zeiss in the Quarter-Finals the Welsh club were all over the East Germans, hit the woodwork goodness knows how many times, saw a goalkeeper play better than he'll ever play again — but poor old Newport were left to lick their wounds.

Tbilisi will start as favourites next week. And anyone who saw their 4-1 win at Upton Park in March will understand why.

Rarely, if ever, has a Continental team played such superb football on English soil. There aren't many teams who you'd back to win 4-1 at Upton Park and that scoreline didn't flatter the men from Georgia.

Lyall was struggling for superlatives to describe the victors. "If we have to lose, that's the sort of team to lose to. It was no disgrace. I can't remember when I've seen a side play so well. It was a marvellous experience for my players," he said, almost happy in defeat.

Forget that The Hammers won 1-0 in Tbilisi. By then the tie was over and Dynamo were without motivation. They had shown in London what they are capable of and if they repeat it next week

Tbilisi could be the talk of Europe

David Kipiani, the Tbilisi danger man, eludes a tackle from West Ham skipper Billy Bonds.



Carl-Zeiss won't stand a chance. The two men to watch out for are sweeper and captain Aleksandr Chivadze and midfield maestro David Kipiani.

At Upton Park Chivadze put on a performance that even Bobby Moore would have been proud of; controlling his defence and breaking with deadly effect.

Kipiani is the sort of player who would be a superstar in the West. He has the lot. Arrogance, confidence, close skills and passing ability over seemingly any distance.

That the West Ham fans gave Tbilisi a standing ovation as they left the field says it all.

Magic

There's a lot of football on television in the next few weeks, but if Tbilisi turn on the magic this Final would well be the pick of the bunch.

Carl-Zeiss can't be written off. They beat Roma 4-0 after losing 3-0 in Italy, a remarkable comeback; they overcame Valencia 3-2 on aggregate before somehow surviving against Newport. In the Semi's they scraped through against Benfica 2-1.

But our money's on Tbilisi to become the talk of Europe. ● Pity the commentator next week. He'll be unfamiliar with the faces, but the names will present even more problems. Examples: Schnuphase, Khinchagashvili, Kurbjuwet, Sulakvelidze and Khisanishvili!

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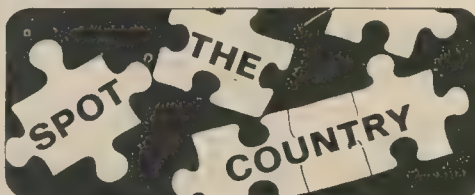
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MORE WORLD CUP PROBLEMS



The San Mames Stadium, Bilbao... opportunities for ground expansion are severely limited and the ground is tightly fringed by busy roads.

PROBLEMS, problems, problems. That's the progress report from the Spanish city of Vigo — one of the 14 centres for next year's World Cup Finals.

The construction of the new stadium at Balaidos, plus other municipal facilities, is being used as the centre of a fierce tug-of-war between rival political parties and, while a lot of chatting has been going on, the actual construction work is way behind schedule.

So much so that the Organising Committee finally gave the Vigo authorities an ultimatum — get on with it or we'll stage the Group One matches in another city!

With barely over a year to go, construction work is still only at excavation-and-piling stage.

"The hoteliers want to triple

their prices during the World Cup, but I think I've persuaded them only to double them." That's the admission made by Raimundo Saporta, supremo of Spain's 1982 World Cup Organising Committee.

"But basically," he adds, "I've got no power to stop them charging what they like."

The acute shortage of hotel rooms in the North of Spain (only 7,000 rooms for the 12 countries drawn in Bilbao, Valladolid, Gijón, Oviedo, La Coruña and Vigo) plus the serious delays in building the stadiums or modernising them, makes us fear the worst.

We can only hope that any British teams qualifying for the Finals are drawn in one of the three Mediterranean groups, where at least there seems to be a reasonable chance of finding enough hotel rooms at something like reasonable prices for the expected thousands of supporters.

POLAND'S League leaders Widzew Lodz were beaten at last. Widzew went down at the fourth hurdle after the winter-break, beaten in Gdynia 2-0 by the local club Arka, fresh from Division Two in front of a 12,000 crowd.

But on the same day, the second club Legia Warsaw could only draw 0-0 away to Stal Mielec so the gap between them was only cut to three points.

Belgium getting like Italy

WITH RSC Anderlecht running away with the Championship under Tomislav Ivic and playing away games with only one striker upfield, it has set the tone for the Belgian game to step closer to the style of the Italians.

In the 26th round of their Championship, four games ended 0-0 and three more were 1-1 draws.

Only two of the nine games were won, and while nine teams did not score, seven more could only get one.

Anderlecht have conceded only 16 goals in 26 League matches.

BORUSSIA MÖNCHENGLADBACH have signed Rot-Weiss Essen centre-forward Frank Mill, who has scored 32 goals in the Bundesliga II (North). Rot-Weiss have earned the title 'Mittelstumer-Fabrik' — centre-forward factory.

They produced Manfred Burgsmüller, scorer of 26 goals and currently top man in Europe, and Horst Hrubesch of Hamburger SV, who got both the German goals in the 1980 European Championships Final against Belgium.

● Michael Rummenigge, the 17-year-old brother of European Footballer of the Year Karl-Heinz, has taken the first steps to emulate 'Kalle'. Michael's signed with SV Borussia 08 EV of Lippstadt... where his brother also started his career.

New faces in Menotti's squad

ARGENTINA manager César Luis Menotti has introduced five new faces into his national team squad with a view to his World Cup preparations.

Out go Leopoldo Luque, Osvaldo Ardiles, Daniel Berton, Miguel Oviedo, Carlos Fren and Victor Ocaño.

And the new boys are Santiago Santamaria (re-instated after being dropped), Eduardo Oviedo, Alberto Brailovsky, Victor Heredia and Julio Olarticochea.

Radio commentators all over the world are hoping that Olarticochea doesn't actually play in the World Cup! What a mouthful!



EXPENSIVE CHOCOLATES

A MADRID newspaper has published a scathing attack on irregularities in the accounts of the Spanish Football Federation and of their 'over-generosity' in a number of respects.

The report asks why the Federation's officials tipped waiters in two Madrid restaurants £22 a head: why they gave the Red Cross a donation of £110 plus a £40 box of chocolates (some chocolates!); why many of the bills for lunches totalled more than £550; why so much money was spent on 'gifts'; and why one particular section of the accounts is headed 'gifts to visiting referees'.

Interesting...

ROSY FUTURE FOR AZ '67

ALTHOUGH Dutch League leaders AZ '67 (Alkmaar) went through a spell when they found it difficult to score goals, their chairman, Klaus Molenaar, has every confidence in trainer, Georg Kessler, who was Holland's national team boss between 1964 and 1970.

With AZ unbeaten after 24 League games and in the UEFA Cup Final, Kessler signed a new contract that will keep him with the club until July, 1985.

The only problem facing Kessler is how to keep Dutch centre-forward Kees Kist happy, for he has played only a handful of League games, but the future of the club looks rosy.

Molenaar is a former player who regards the club as his hobby and with a chain of discount stores he can well afford to indulge.



Brazil's Frankenstein loses his bet

IN the Brazil team there are some amusing nicknames. The following exchange took place recently in training between Marola (Brazil's reserve goalkeeper) and team captain Socrates.

Socrates was saying that out of ten penalty kicks he could guarantee to score seven times.

"Rubbish," says Marola, "you wouldn't score six against me."

So the bet was put into effect. First penalty — Socrates hits the bar.

"Doctor," says Marola, "it's going to be easy."

Second penalty — Socrates hits the upright. "I'll turn my back," says Marola, "it will make it easier for you."

Socrates smiles and says "OK Frank (Marola's nickname is Frankenstein) now it's for real."

The third penalty is saved. "Hey, Skinny," yells Marola, "you can't miss any more — you want to give up now?"

Again Socrates just smiles and proceeds to knock in six penalties in a row — "Never mind, Frank," says Socrates, putting his arm round his shoulder, "at least you are the only one in the squad who can beat me for ugliness!"

● For qualifying for the World Cup Brazil players received a bonus of £5,000 each, which includes the technical staff.

HUNGARIAN fans, critical of their game and the national team, are staying away from games.

In a bid to pull in a good crowd, three of the top four teams, all from Budapest, put on a double-header at the 90,000 capacity Nép Stadium.

Two games for the price of one, but only 30,000 turned up to see the Honved-Vasas local derby and 3-3 and the other all-Budapest game, Ferencváros-MTK, finish 4-2.

MTK, once known as Red Banner and providing half the great Hungarian team of the '50's, are second from bottom, facing relegation for the first time in their long and glorious history.

Waiter bribed

A ROW has broken out within the Paraguayan club Cerro Porteno where the club doctor found during medical checks that three players, Diaz, Pesou and Florentina, were taking hard drugs.

They have been suspended and also face jail sentences of three to five years.

Annoyed with the club for reporting their colleagues, the other players issued a statement to the Press that club chairman Enrico Zapaga paid a hotel waiter to slip sleeping powders into the drinks of their opponents in the Copa Libertadores, Alianza Lima!

News flashes

● The new Russian Super Cup, put up for an annual match between Champions and Cup winners, has been won by Dynamo Kiev, 1980 Champions. They drew 1-1 after extra time with 1980 Cup winners Schachtjor Donezk, but won 5-4 on penalties.

● Although many English clubs are known to be in serious financial difficulties, the top clubs in Italy make them look well off. The 16 First Division clubs are now said to be 50 thousand million lire in

debt — topped by AS Roma and AC Torino who each owe more than £3 million.

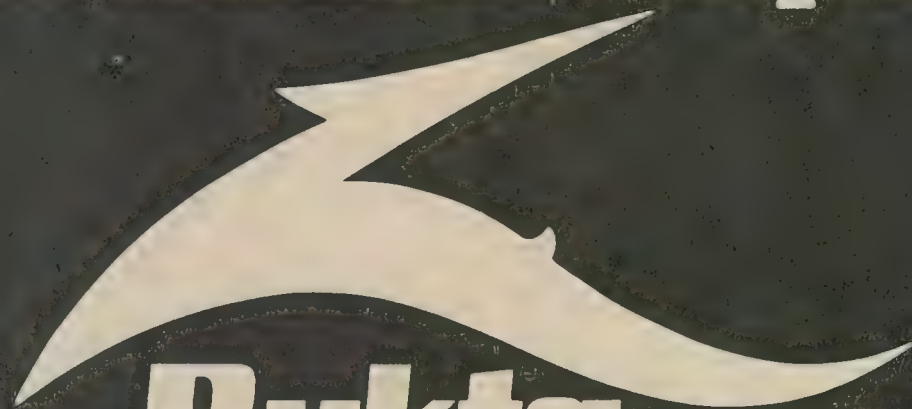
● West Germany's 2-0 World Cup win, away to Albania in Tirana was their best result there to date. The first time the two sides met in Dortmund in April, 1967, the Germans won 6-0 but in Tirana their previous results had been 0-0 and 1-0. Now the record is five games four wins, one draw and 11-0 on goals. Crowds of about 8,000 and 10,000 watched the West Germans train in Tirana.

● FC Zurich and their neighbours Grasshoppers are the two leading contenders for the Swiss

Championship and a place in the European Cup next season. But at home to newly-promoted Bellinzona, Grasshoppers attracted a crowd of only 2,800.

● While FC Nantes and St. Etienne race neck and neck for the French League title, Stade de Reims, twice European Cup Finalists in the 50's, are likely to fold up at the end of the season. Now in Division Two and attracting terrible crowds, they set an all time record in season 1959-60 when they won the First Division with 60 points from a possible 68! How the mighty are fallen.

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6.30 Dinner
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2.00 Golf instruction with Paul Huggett
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5.00 Gymnastics
6.30 Dinner
7.30 Film Shows — Table tennis competitions
9.30 Bedtime — Juniors
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This week's Star Letter comes from Barbara Haydon of Richmond, who wins our Special Prize of £10. She writes:

BECOME A POSTMAN, JOE

IN SHOOT View you justified the demand by Joe Jordan for £1,000 per week on the grounds that "a footballer's life is a short one."

We on the terraces are getting heartily sick of this idea.

True, they may have to give up professional football in their early 30's, but they don't lose all their faculties do they?

Why can't they go back to being postmen or paint sprayers — school-teachers or shop assistants like the rest of us?

Don't get me wrong — I think they should be well paid, but I and many others don't see why they should expect to retire in luxury at such a young age.

● Success and skill should be rewarded accordingly, whether you're a top footballer or an expert paint sprayer.

Best supporters

SCOTLAND'S supporters have received a tremendous amount of criticism through the media in recent years, much of which is connected with that now infamous Wembley pitch invasion in 1977.

There is no way I can condone this action, but it must be remembered that the fans who invaded the pitch that day did not attempt to harm any opposing supporters — they only wished to celebrate a wonderful victory.

During Scotland's visits to Wembley the trouble caused by our supporters is very rarely, if ever, violent towards English fans.

Usually the trouble is in the form of drunkenness.

The logical solution to me would be to ban drink from being sold or taken into Wembley on the match day.

If pubs and off-licences in London were closed on the day of the match, then I'm sure the world would see us in our true colours, as the best football supporters in the world.

JOHN NIVEN, RESTON.

● In 1979 there were 243 people with Scottish addresses arrested following fan-trouble. If 243 fans from ANY country caused such problems the suffering city wouldn't want them back. And no city should be expected to close up in order to keep fans sober. Selling drink at Wembley isn't the reason the Tartan Army arrives drunk — it's the amount consumed en route.

Cheat of the Year

I WOULD like to see SHOOT institute a Cheat of the Year award, for there are already two main contenders for the title this season.

Firstly, there is Arsenal's Alan Sunderland, who handled the ball over the

Liverpool goal-line at Highbury. He incriminated himself by not "jumping for joy" when he "scored" and also by refusing to discuss the matter with the television afterwards.

Secondly, there is the incident with Wolves' Kenny Hibbitt in the F.A. Cup Semi-Final (below). He appeared to take a dive and received a penalty from which Wolves equalised.

No wonder football is in the state it is when the players, who are meant to set the example, are so blasé about cheating to gain victory.

MARK BIRCH, CHEPSTOW.

● Any other candidates?



Poor Ipswich

I FEEL sorry for Ipswich having to chase three trophies during the month of April with far too many matches to play.

It seems the more successful our clubs are the more they are handicapped by being expected to fulfil so many fixtures at the end of a season.

Just imagine, if we had endured a bad winter — Ipswich would have had an incredible number of postponed games to rearrange.

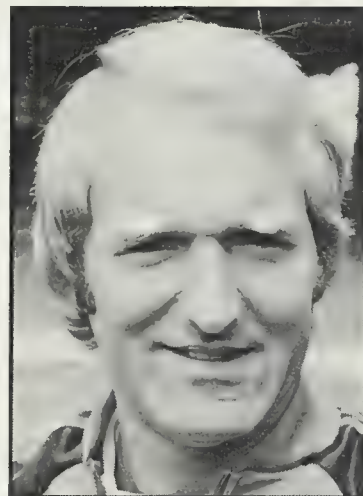
DAVID DIAMOND, HEBBURN.

● It's ironic that a defeat at Leeds signalled the beginning of the end — and Leeds, more than anyone during the 70's, were robbed of more success by fixture pile-ups.

Pen-Pal

I'M a Dutch programme collector who wishes to exchange programmes. I'm interested in every club.

HAN BALK, HOGE HONDSRAAT 200, 7415 GH DEVENTER, NETHERLANDS.



Harsh on Knighton

I WOULD like to pay a tribute to manager Ken Knighton and his assistant Frank Clark, who have been shown the door by that amazing board of directors at Sunderland.

How many more managers are to be sacked every time the club runs into trouble? Ken Knighton (above) guided Sunderland into Division One and he has had a continuous cloud over his head ever since.

CLIVE LEE, HIGH BARNES.

● Keith Burkinshaw was manager of Spurs when they were relegated. The club didn't panic. Look where they are now.

Second-to-none

WHEN it comes to getting results Brian Clough has a record second-to-none.

However, when it comes to rocking the boat and upsetting people, from players to the Press, he is also second-to-none.

That's why he'll never be manager of England.

FRED SPENCE, BIRMINGHAM.

● Who would readers like to see succeed Ron Greenwood as manager of England?

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Hat-tricks

Who has scored the most hat-tricks in Football League matches during his career?

MARK BLAMPID, JERSEY

● The late, great Dixie Dean — the man who once scored 60 First Division goals for Everton in a single season (1927-28) — is the winner there, Mark.

In 18 seasons in the League, Dean scored three or more goals in a game on 37 occasions.

But the record in a single season is nine — by George Camsell for Middlesbrough, in Division Two, in the previous season, of 1926-27.

Heaviest

What has been the heaviest-ever defeat of a full England side?

TIMOTHY WILSON, CRANLEIGH

● 7-1 it was, Timothy, by the then almost invincible Hungarians in Budapest on 23rd May, 1954.

Which only rubbed in the superiority they had already shown in winning at Wembley by 6-3 — the first side from outside the British Isles ever to beat England at Wembley — the previous November.

But, however humiliating at the time, it did have the beneficial long-term effect of shaking soccer out of its complacency — and Sir Alf Ramsey always said the sobering experience of playing against the great Hungarian side helped shape his more progressive thinking which led to his managing England's World Cup-winning team 12 years later.

Final sub

Who was the first substitute to come on the field for an F.A. Cup Final?

DEREK HUGHES, CUMBRIA

● West Bromwich's Dennis Clarke was the man, Derek.

He replaced John Kaye at the start of extra-time in the 1968 Final in which his side beat Everton 1-0.

SHORT PASSES

● Allan Clarke's 273rd and last League game for Leeds was in a 0-0 draw at Q.P.R. on 29th April, 1978. (SREE KUMAR, West Malaysia)

● Ian Callaghan played a club-record 640 League games for Liverpool between 1960 and 1978. (TIMOTHY WATSON, Sleaford)

● Leicester played in the 1968-69 F.A. Cup Final (beaten 1-0 by Manchester City) and were relegated in the same season. (THOMAS HAWKES, Bradford)

● Norwich's record victory is 10-2 — v. Coventry (Div. 3 South) on 15th March, 1930. (PATRICK GOH, Singapore)

HUDDERSFIELD TOWN

BACK ROW (left to right): Keith Hanvey, Malcolm Brown, Andy Rankin, Dick Taylor, Dave Sutton, Chris Topping.
MIDDLE ROW: Mick Buxton (manager), Mick Laverick, Terry Armstrong (now Hereford), Steve Kindon, Peter Fletcher, John Haselden (coach).
FRONT ROW: Dave Cowling, Bernard Purdie, Brian Stanton, Fred Robinson, Ian Robins.



CLUB SPOTLIGHT

STEVE Kindon's never-say-die spirit in leading Huddersfield Town's fast moving attack against rival Third Division defences this season illustrates the spirit engendered by their young manager Mick Buxton.

Buxton, aged 37, former coach at the club and unsung player at Burnley and Halifax, has given the Yorkshire club the very impetus their board of directors demanded after a miserable ten years in which they slumped from the dizzy heights of First Division football to the ignominy of life in the Fourth.

They have scaled the heights in driving hard for promotion to the Second Division this season, yet their faltering strides in the final weeks of one of the hottest promotion campaigns for years drove their loyal supporters to despair at times.

Yet Buxton believes that Kindon's experience harnessed to one of the brightest young squads in the League promises much for next season.

John Haselden, Huddersfield's coach says optimistically: "We think we've made a lot of progress this season because of the style we've adopted."

"We go forward, whether we are home or away. We have been punished for adopting this policy away from home at times but the dividends it has paid compensates for that."

"Our attitude obviously pleases the fans who have turned up in their thousands to support our promotion campaign."

Huddersfield's philosophy has been simple — they go forward from the gun, and any player looking to play square passes rather than penetrating ones is given an ice-cold stare by the management team.

The emphasis is heavily on youth, although Huddersfield appreciate fully the heavy price they had to pay for their disastrous slump in the '70's.

"This used to be a good area for producing kids", explains Haselden. "Then we hit rock bottom and they all wanted to go to the Manchester clubs or Leeds."

Fortunately, the exodus has been halted and Buxton is hopeful that his canvassing of local schools will produce some thoroughbreds for Huddersfield's stable of young talent.

The quality of players such as Brian Stanton, the former Bury player, free-scoring forward Ian Robins, Terry Austin, a £120,000 buy from Mansfield, Malcolm Brown, Steve Kindon and Mark Lillis, gives the fans at Leeds Road ground, much hope for next season.

HONOURS

First Division Champions: 1923-24, 1924-25, 1925-26. Runners-up: 1926-27, 1927-28, 1933-34. Second Division Champions: 1952-53. Runners-up: 1919-20, 1951-52. Fourth Division Champions: 1979-80. F.A. Cup Runners-up: 1922. Runners-up: 1920-1928, 1930, 1938. League Cup: 1920-1928, 1930, 1938. F.A. Cup: 1920-1928, 1930, 1938. League Cup: 1920-1928, 1930, 1938.

SHOOT!



Morton goalkeeper Roy Baines lists clear as Rangers' Derek Johnstone challenges.

WITH the League Cup already in their board-room, Dundee United take on Rangers in the Scottish Cup Final at Hampden Park with their eyes on a Cup double. The Tannadice club have never won the Scottish Cup before, while Rangers have 23 victories to their credit. Here's how the clubs qualified for this weekend's Final.

UNITED AIM FOR CUP DOUBLE



United captain Paul Hegarty (right) celebrates after scoring the winning goal in the 3-2 replay triumph over Celtic



Nell Orr of Morton heads away from Ian Redford, the Rangers danger-man.



Paul Sturrock leads the United celebrations, along with David Dodds, Ralph Milne and Paul Hegarty.

SHOOT!

RANGERS play in their sixth successive Scottish Cup Final on Saturday (May 9) when we take on Dundee United at Hampden.

Despite this quite remarkable achievement there has been talk of a crisis at Ibrox for the past two years for the simple reason that the honours have not been pouring in.

Can you imagine a club in England playing at Wembley in six consecutive Cup Finals and being hammered almost constantly by the critics? I can't!

You could say Rangers are the victims of our own high standards. Our fans will never be content to be second best and I'll tell you something — that goes for the boss, John Greig, and the players, too.

We were all very much aware of our failures . . . there is no other word for it. Rangers supporters deserve the very best and it has been four seasons since we won the Premier Division title. **THAT IS NOT GOOD ENOUGH.**

In two seasons Rangers have signed Gregor Stevens, Ian Redford, Colin McAdam, Willie Johnston, Jim Bett and Jim Stewart. They have sold the likes of Gordon Smith, Derek Parlane, Billy Urquhart, Alex MacDonald, Kenny Watson, Eric Morris and Davie Armour.

That's a fair old turnover in only two seasons and I think I can safely say that more changes will be made in the future. Rangers are looking



'Cup glory won't end Rangers' problems'

for long term success, not just a brief burst of glory . . . that's not our style.

People have pointed out that junior side Pollok attracted a bigger gate to their ground than we did when we played Morton in the League game at Ibrox this season. Only 4,800 watched us in action while some 200 more watched the junior Cup-tie.

I can't argue with those statistics.



Ibrox was like a graveyard the night we played Morton and we took it that some of our fans were registering their protest at our form by simply staying away. I wonder how many of them went to the Pollok match!

Okay, the fans have every right to ignore the team, but it is the supporters in that 4,800 crowd that we must play for. They are the real fans,

the supporters who rally round their team when things aren't going so well.

We've got a new multi-million pound stadium at Ibrox and we'll be looking for packed houses next season. I think the ground is due to be completed around September and from then on we'll be looking for huge crowds, similar to the 34,000 who witnessed our 1-0 defeat by Celtic recently.

Every single player at Ibrox knows it is up to him to put the goods on display and the fans will find it difficult to stay away.

If any fan thinks the players are

sitting on their backsides waiting for the good times to return they are mistaken. We are prepared to work and fight all the way to deliver the goods.

And may I say there is no mystery about me giving up the captaincy of the team. I wasn't playing well enough and Mr. Greig had to leave me out on a few occasions. I thought it was only right that other players had a go at leading out the team on a more consistent basis.

I would like to point out, though, that I am still club captain and Sandy Jardine is vice-captain. Actually, manager John Greig emphasises before every match that he wants eleven captains out on the field with every player accepting responsibility.

There may be added strain on us to beat United on Saturday, but I'm sure we can cope with it. After all, if there is a player at Ibrox who cannot live with constant pressure then he should leave now for his own sake.

Failure is unthinkable. But even if we win, we know we still have an awful lot to do next season. There is no way anyone at this club will rest until Rangers are up there with the best in the world once again. The revival starts on Saturday.

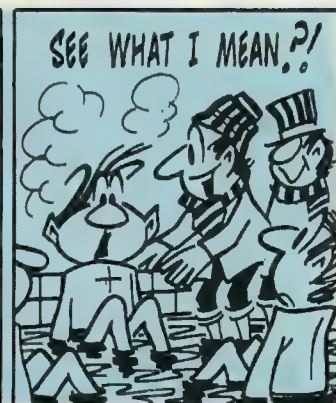
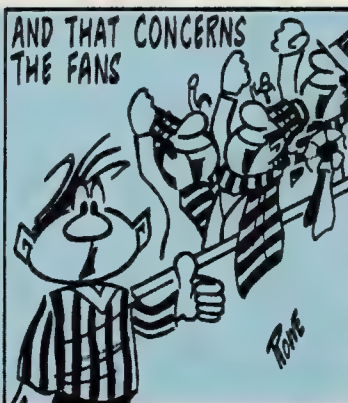


Dundee United (light shirts) beat Rangers 4-1 this season. There can be no repeat of such a scoreline for the Ibrox men on Saturday.

Derek Johnstone

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Fined his players after 6-1 victory!



DUNDEE UNITED manager Jim McLean is known as 'Mr Perfection' because, quite simply, he demands the very highest standards from his players week in, week out.

One former United player, transferred five years ago, says of McLean: "He used to have a right go at the players in the dressing room if he wasn't happy. It didn't matter that you had won, if he wasn't happy with your collective or individual display he used to hammer into you. I'm told he has calmed down a bit now, but I was just grateful to get away!"

The perfection for which McLean seeks was emphasised once again this season after United had walloped Motherwell 6-1 in the Scottish Cup Quarter-Final. It was a ruthless performance with striker Davie Dodds netting a hat-trick inside ten minutes.

Was McLean satisfied? Not on your life! He swiftly docked £20 off a £60 'entertainment bonus' United players receive if he thinks they have come up to scratch. Apparently he wasn't happy with a slight second-half sag and he didn't like the way Motherwell scored their goal!

McLean may be seen as an oddity by those who do not know the man, but he is a deep-thinking team boss who demands a high level of play at all times from his team.

He is an honest, forthright man who says quite bluntly: "The only thing certain about being a football manager is that one day you will get the sack."

Nine seasons ago McLean took his United side to their first Scottish Cup Final where they met

Celtic. It turned out to be a slaughter in the sun as United were thrashed 3-0.

Amidst the disappointment and the dejection, McLean was heard to say: "You've got to give the credit to Jock Stein. His tactics were absolutely right. He certainly knows his job."

McLean's admiration of former Celtic supremo Stein is evident even today and it was no surprise when Stein appointed him as number two on the international circuit last year.



United play Rangers on Saturday determined to make up for their last Scottish Cup Final appearance against the other member of the Old Firm in '72, and you can be certain that McLean will have an ace or two up his sleeve to spring on the men from Ibrox.

The Tannadice side are in the Final strictly on merit after outplaying Champions Celtic in the two Semi-Finals. Only three fabulous saves from Pat Bonner defied Eamonn Bannon a sparkling hat-trick in the first game which ended in a goalless draw.

However, in the replay United



United celebrate their 6-1 thrashing of Motherwell (main pic), but it wasn't enough to satisfy manager Jim McLean (inset).

clinched their Final spot with two goals from Paul Hegarty, a brave, inspiring skipper, and one from Bannon.

Will McLean field the same side which played so well twice against Celtic? As usual he gives little away, saying: "Our win over Celtic proved that we fielded the players who were in form at that time, but things can change before we go back to Hampden."

"With players such as Derek Addison, Willie Pettigrew, Graeme Payne and Ian Gibson on the fringe we have plenty of alternatives."

If veteran Iain Phillip plays, it will be a dream come true. He played superbly against Celtic and admitted even before those games: "It's quite astonishing to think I have the chance of winning a Scottish Cup medal to add to my two League Cup badges."

"I didn't know quite what to expect when I was transferred from Dundee to United a few years ago. The walk from Dens Park to Tannadice is only about three minutes, but it has made the world

of a difference to me."

McLean may be the ringmaster with a cutting edge to his tongue, but he is a well respected coach with an army of admirers.

Jock Stein rates him as being "extremely knowledgeable" and that is an accolade from the Scottish international manager who isn't given to flowery phrases.

McLean concentrates on the basics of the game. He urges his men to play as a team and to help each other at all times. He keeps it simple.

When Bannon and Paul Sturrock combine it is football of the highest order. Dodds is a courageous, gallant striker who has come out of the huge shadow cast by Andy Gray, the man he had to ultimately replace.

Disgrace

Goalkeeper Hamish McAlpine, once ordered home in disgrace from a Far East tour because he disagreed with McLean on tactics, has never played better. Hegarty and David Narey are as solid as a rock in the middle of the rearguard and it is not going to be an easy task for Rangers to make much headway against such skilful and stubborn defenders.

The battle of wits between Jim McLean and John Greig will be every bit as intriguing as the duel out on the field.

The stage is set for a game worthy of the title of Cup Final. May the best team win. Jim McLean would certainly agree with that sentiment!

GORDON STRACHAN

(ABERDEEN)

IF United are able to field a top strength side I believe they will win the trophy. I don't think Rangers' back-four will get anywhere near United's front three on the wide Hampden pitch. If Davie Dodds, Ralph Milne and Paul Sturrock play up front and play to form I believe United will



Bobby Street
Kilmarnock



Gordon Strachan
Aberdeen

much on Saturday. Tradition will play a big part in this fixture, and that's why I go for Rangers. I think they will just sneak it.

DAVIE HAYES

(MORTON)

THE sheer determination and will to win of Rangers should swing the game their way, although

It's Rangers' Cup! That's the Premier Division's Final verdict

be too quick for Rangers. I go for Jim McLean's men.

PAT McCLUSKEY

(AIRDRIE)

I'M a former Celtic player, but I tip Rangers to win the Cup. Their mammoth pride should ensure they don't slip up. In terms of outright skill United could crucify Rangers, but I don't think they will get the opportunity to settle into any sort of rhythm and that's why I'm going for the Ibrox men.

TOMMY BURNS

(CELTIC)

I RECKON Rangers will win the Cup, although I believe it will go to two games. The Ibrox men desperately need to win a trophy and despite the fact that United may be playing better football at the moment, I'm taking Rangers to do the business at the second attempt.

ALEX MacDONALD

(HEARTS)

I KNOW just how much this game means to the lads at Ibrox. I might not be a Rangers player any more, but everyone knows I'm still a Rangers fan, and I know the amount of pride that is at stake for John Greig's men. They'll go flat out for the entire 90 minutes and make things extremely hectic for United.

BOBBY STREET

(KILMARNOCK)

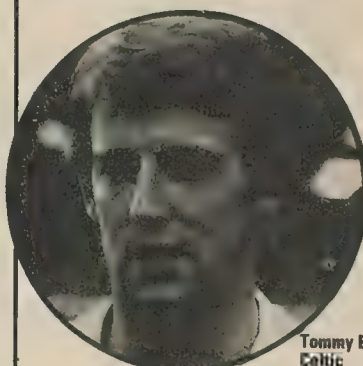
THERE is little doubt that Dundee United are the form team, but I don't think that will count for



Pat McCluskey
Airdrie



Davie Hayes
Morton



Tommy Burns
Celtic



Tony Higgins
Partick



Alex MacDonald
Hearts



Billy Stark
St. Mirren

Dundee United have players who can make things extremely difficult for any team. Rangers pride has been badly dented in recent years and that is when they are at their most dangerous, as we found to our cost in the Semi-Final. This will be Rangers' sixth successive Scottish Cup Final, and they have the experience in men like Sandy Jardine, Colin Jackson and Derek Johnstone. But it will be very close . . . with possibly just one goal in it.

TONY HIGGINS

(PARTICK)

I BACK United to win, and with a fair amount of style. They are the team in form at the moment, and although Rangers rarely throw things away, United are a rapidly maturing team capable of beating anyone on their day. I know it's more than 50 years since Rangers lost a Scottish Cup Final to anyone but Celtic, but that won't mean a thing on Saturday. United have won the League Cup in the last two years, and it's about time they won the Scottish Cup. If they play to their capabilities, I feel United will just edge it.

BILLY STARK

(ST. MIRREN)

IT'S always difficult to write off Rangers, but I must go for Dundee United. I watched United when they beat Rangers 4-1 at Ibrox a few weeks ago, and I thought the Tannadice lads were a different class. Rangers, of course, have an advantage with the game being at Hampden, as the majority of supporters will be Ibrox fans, but at the end of the day I think United will win.

HOW THEY REACHED HAMPDEN

RANGERS

3rd Rnd AIRDRIE (a)
4th Rnd ST. JOHNSTONE (a)
4th Rnd replay ST. JOHNSTONE (h)
5th Rnd HIBERNIAN (h)
Semi-Final MORTON (at Parkhead)

5-0 (Stevens, Redford, Bett, Johnstone 2)
3-3 (McAdam, Redford 2)
3-1 (McAdam 2, Stevens)
3-1 (Russell, McAdam, MacDonald)
2-1 (Jackson, Russell)

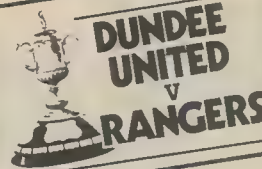
DUNDEE UTD

3rd Rnd BRECHIN (a)
4th Rnd PARTICK (h)
5th Rnd MOTHERWELL (h)
Semi-Final CELTIC (at Hampden)
S/F replay CELTIC (at Hampden)

2-1 (Dodds, Kirkwood)
1-0 (Addison)
6-1 (Dodds 3, Sturrock, Kirkwood, Narey)
0-0
3-2 (Bannon, Hegarty 2)

Players whose spectacular Scottish Cup Final performances have made them . . .

HAMPDEN HEROES



THE crumbling facade of Hampden Park, Scotland's foreboding fortress of football, doesn't lend itself these days to the indisputable fact that it houses some of the most cherished memories in sport.

There have been dazzling solo displays, joy and heartache, delight and despair, failure and fantasy at the home of Queen's Park a rigid, unbending outfit who stick stubbornly to their amateur status.

The Scottish Cup Final inevitably brings a carnival climax to the season at Hampden and, brushing

It was fitting that Queen's Park, who play at Hampden, should be the first Scottish Cup winners in 1874.



Kai Johansen (left) of Rangers scores one of the most spectacular Final goals in the 1966 clash with Old Firm rivals Celtic at Hampden Park (left).

Celtic's Bertie Auld (hoops) heads his club's first goal in the 1965 Final when the men from Parkhead ended a barren spell of 11 years without the famous trophy (below).

to become the man to score Celtic's winning goal in the European Cup Final triumph in '67, recalls:

"We hit Dunfermline with everything that day bar the Hampden stand, but we just couldn't get anything past Connachan.

"If ever anyone deserved a winner's medal it was that 'keeper."

Rangers, too, had problems in the 60's against marvellous goalkeepers. In '63 they came up against Frank Haffey who fought a splendid rearguard action to earn Celtic a 1-1 draw.

The Ibrox men, with Davy Wilson, Ralph Brand and Jim Baxter in unstoppable form, made no mistake in the replay, though, winning 3-0.

A year later Dundee's Bert Slater forced the Rangers forwards into overdrive before they eventually conquered the Dens Park men 3-1, two of the goals coming in the dying minutes from Jimmy Millar and Ralph Brand.

In '66, a packed Hampden crowd witnessed one of the most spectacular goals ever seen in a Hampden Final . . . and it was claimed by a Scandanavian, Kai Johansen, of Rangers.

Rangers were drawing 0-0 with Celtic in a typical, dour battle. In fact, it was a replay after the first match had ended without a goal. 70 minutes were gone when a cross from Rangers' left was hustled out of the Celtic penalty box.

It wasn't cleared properly, though, and Johansen, coming in at full speed, took the ball first time in his stride and the effort sizzled past the diving Ronnie Simpson for what eventually proved to be the winner.

In 1972 Celtic went on the rampage with a dazzling 6-1 win over poor Hibs in front of 106,102 fans. The man of the afternoon was Dixie Deans, who scored a fabulous hat-trick. It was the biggest win in the Final since Renton beat Cambuslang by an identical score in 1888 — the year Celtic were formed!

Latter day gladiators have carved their names out on that Hampden turf. Who can forget the buccaneering form of Celtic's Jimmy Johnstone 11 years ago when his side beat old foes Rangers 2-1 after a 1-1 draw? Who can forget Rangers' revenge when Tom Forsyth knocked in the winner two seasons later?

Dundee United will want to forget their previous Final appearance at Hampden . . . a 3-0 walloping from Celtic in '74. Derek Johnstone was the Rangers' hero in '76 when he scored in the first minute with a glancing header to inspire his side to a 3-1 triumph over hapless Hearts.

Last season it was the turn of Celtic's George McCluskey to capture the spotlight.

Who is the next Hampden hero? Step this way, please . . .

sentiment and romance aside, it is fairly obvious that the Rangers v. Dundee United confrontation could be one of the last — if not the last — Cup shoot-out played in the famous, but run-down stadium.

Queen's Park have actually owned three parks by the name of Hampden — the present one being opened on October 31, 1903 — and it was the proud amateurs who first took the trophy at the original ground of that name back in 1874.

Just over 2,000 fans bothered to attend on a miserable day and the players had to play in driving, relentless rain. The conditions, though, were mastered by Queen's Park, pioneers of football back in those good old days, and they defeated Clydebank 2-0 in the Final.

The Scottish Cup was a glamour tournament thought up by the Scottish Football Association and the trophy Rangers and United will try to win on Saturday is the same one that cost a princely £56 12s 11d all of 108 years ago!

The Cup proudly paraded marvellous memories. Celtic won the first Cup at 'new' Hampden a year after it was opened in 1904 when they beat Rangers, later to become their fiercest rivals, 3-2 in the Final.

In 1928 the Old Firm met in the Scottish Cup Final once again and the pressure was all on Rangers,

who hadn't won the trophy in 25 years. This time it was Ibrox cheers and Parkhead tears as a David Meiklejohn-inspired Rangers won 4-0.

When Celtic and Rangers locked horns last season — with George McCluskey getting the dramatic extra-time winner for the Parkhead side — it was the 12th time the Old Firm had met in a Cup Final. On one of those occasions — in 1909 — the Cup was withheld after two draws, a crowd riot and allegations of match fixing.

Not surprisingly, the giants of Parkhead and Ibrox dominate the tournament as they tend to hog the headlines North of the border, but the Scottish Cup was hardly one which brought unrestrained joy for Celtic for so many years.

They won it in 1954 when they defeated Aberdeen 2-1 in the Final, but despite another four appearances in the Hampden showdown, it took a further 11 years before Celtic claimed the trophy once again.

But their defeats against Clyde (1-0), Hearts (3-1), Dunfermline (2-0) and Rangers (3-0), three of those games needing replays, were forgotten on a gloriously sunny day in 1965 when Jock Stein, appointed manager only two months beforehand, guided the team to a 3-2 victory over Dunfermline.

The matchwinner that never-to-be-forgotten day was Celtic's inspirational centre-half

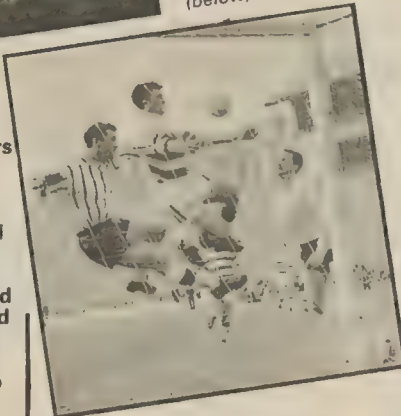
Billy McNeill, now the manager of the club, of course.

It was a 2-2 stalemate late in the game when Celtic fought and won another corner-kick out on the left.

Charlie Gallagher, a subtle, prompting midfielder who tended to play in the shadow of the more flamboyant Bertie Auld, swung over the corner with delicate ease and devastating precision. McNeill made perfect contact to send the ball spinning past a helpless Jim Herriot.

Memories are indeed made in the Scottish Cup! Four years before that tense and enthralling encounter it was the turn of Dunfermline, then ironically managed by Jock Stein, who turned the tables and won the trophy 2-0 after an 0-0 draw in the first game.

That match undoubtedly belonged to the Fife team's magnificent goalkeeper Eddie Connachan. Stevie Chalmers, later



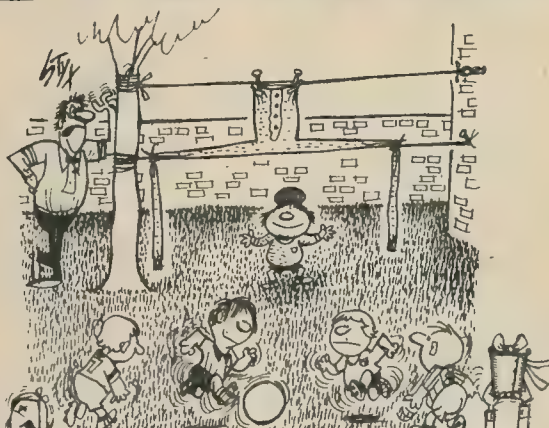


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CUP FINAL FUNNIES

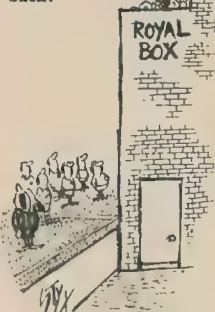


"I believe they're supposed to shake hands on receiving their medals, boss."



"What's all this — the F.A. Cup Final?"

"Excuse me, Your Majesty — but can we have our ball back?"



"One of the young lads won't come out — pre-Wembley nerves you know..."



"Yawn! I know it's the foot that put your lot in the Final, now put your sock on!"



"And when we're on the bus going to the reception — I want you to hold the Cup like this."

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'The hat-trick that saved Sexton'

A MONTH or so ago Manchester United were heading for disaster.

The season had virtually ended for us following a dismal spell of five games without a win. We couldn't score goals, gates fell, even our own fans turned against us.

Manager Dave Sexton's future looked bleak. We travelled back from Southampton after a 1-0 defeat stunned by rumours that their boss Lawrie McMenemy was to take over.

Then United held Aston Villa 3-3 at Villa Park, drew 1-1 with Nottingham Forest and beat League leaders Ipswich Town.

The three matches that could have ended Dave Sexton's career at Old Trafford turned out to be his salvation.

After that United beat Everton, Palace, Coventry, Liverpool, West Brom and Norwich, seven victories in succession.

Match-winner

The most satisfying result for me was winning at Anfield, not just because I scored the match-winner with a header early on in the game.

Beating clubs below us in the League was no real test. If United were to be taken seriously and give our fans hope for the future we had to prove ourselves against the best.

To become only the second League club to win at Liverpool for two years was a fine achievement, but even more pleasing was the number of chances we created.

Not many teams have gone to Anfield and attacked as often as United did that night.

The reasons for our fantastic finish to an otherwise disappointing season were... confidence and a return to fitness of key players resulting in keen competition for places.

There's nothing like a full squad



to keep the players on their toes, determined to retain their places.

Victory over Ipswich was the turning point. We suddenly began to believe in ourselves again.

We didn't change our style of play at all. United aren't a brilliantly organised side, we don't play to a set pattern. Dave Sexton's tactics are simply to go out and attack and play football.

Naturally all the lads are pleased the boss seems set to be given a vote of confidence by the United board.

Our final flourish, although too late to qualify United for a place in Europe, eased the pressure on him and proved we can be a very good team.

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True to his character Dave didn't say a great deal after United fought their way to a respectable position in the table.

His faith in the players at Old Trafford never wavered. Through all those days when his job was embarrassingly on the line he retained his dignity and quietly got on with the job of getting us out of trouble.

Surely no one denies he thoroughly deserves the chance of achieving success with Manchester United.

Watching Manchester City contest Saturday's 100th F.A. Cup Final against Spurs obviously won't please our fans, or Dave Sexton.

Rivals

Although I've got some close mates at Maine Road, I won't be too sorry if they lose! I don't enjoy our close rivals grabbing the limelight.

Difficult to forecast the result of this North v. South battle. It should be a cracker, though, with so many players with skill and flair on both sides.

None of the United lads will be watching the game live. We'll be in Israel on a short close-season tour.

I'm looking forward to the break, but sorry to have missed two very important dates in the soccer calendar... the English and Scottish

Football Writers' dinners in London and Glasgow.

While congratulating Frans Thijsen on his English writers' Footballer of the Year award, I felt a little sorry for his Ipswich skipper Mick Mills.

While Frans and his Dutch pal Arnold Muhren have made a tremendous contribution in midfield and brought a variation to the side, I was hoping Mick would receive a reward for all the service he's given to Ipswich and the game.

Mick has skippered Ipswich for many seasons and maintained a remarkable consistency and enthusiasm. He's a credit to his profession and played a vital role in helping his club become one of the best and most respected in the game.

Having a player with Mick's dedication and versatility is invaluable to a club. He's played in many different positions when injuries have forced Bobby Robson to make changes.

Mick's a player in a million, so is my mate Colin Jackson.

I was due to play for a Scotland Select against Rangers in Colin's testimonial this week, but was forced to pull out because of our Israel trip.

Like Mick, Colin has been a tremendous servant to his club and deserves a bumper night at Ibrox.

Gordon McQueen



Jimmy Nicholl (extreme right) blasts United's winner against Ipswich

CUP FINAL QUIZ

Answer the following questions about the F.A. and Scottish Cup competitions.

1. Rotherham manager Ian Porterfield wrote his name into the record books when he scored the only goal of the 1973 Cup Final. Which club was he playing for and who were the opponents?

2. Can you name last season's two losing F.A. Cup Semi-Finalists?

3. Rearrange the jumbled letters to find the name of a Scottish Cup-winning manager and the club he led... CJOKNEIST (TIECCL).

4. Did Alan Sunderland, Brian Talbot or Frank Stapleton score Arsenal's winning goal in their 3-2 victory against Manchester United in the 1979 Cup Final at Wembley?

5. The F.A. Cup has only been taken out of England once in the history of the competition. Which club did it and in which year?

6. True or false? Aberdeen and Hibernian were beaten in last season's Scottish Cup Semi-Finals?

7. Scottish First Division side Clyde have won the Cup on one, two or three occasions?

8. In this season's tournament, Southampton's hopes of reaching

the 100th F.A. Cup Final were dashed when Everton beat them in a replay at Goodison Park. Did Imre Varadi (below), Eamonn O'Keefe or Steve McMahon grab the winner and did it come in extra-time?



9. In the Fourth Round, Exeter caused an upset when they knocked out First Division Leicester in a replay. Who was the Third Division team's player who scored a hat-trick?

10. Scottish Premier Division Champions Celtic beat East Stirling 2-0 in a Fifth Round tie this season. What was so unusual about the game?

11. Which Bristol City striker played his last game for the club in their 5-0 F.A. Cup Fourth Round replay win against Carlisle United? He scored two of the five goals and was soon afterwards transferred to a First Division club.

12. Mellor, Cutbush, Lacy, Moore, Fraser, Mullery, Conway, Slough, Mitchell, Busby, Barrett appeared for which club in the F.A. Cup Final, losing 2-0 to West Ham?

13. Did Chelsea's Colin Viljoen (right) win an F.A. Cup winner's

medal for Ipswich Town against Arsenal in the 1978 Final?

14. Is it true that Don Revie, former Leeds United and England manager, never managed a winning Final side in the F.A. Cup?

15. Were Millwall, Bury or Crystal Palace the last side from the Third Division to reach the F.A. Cup Semi-Finals?



ANSWERS:

1. For Sunderland against Leeds in 1973. 2. Liverpool and Everton. 3. Jack (Tieckel) 4. Sunderland. 5. Cardiff in 1927. 6. True. 7. Three. 8. O'Keefe in extra-time. 9. Tony Kellow. 10. It was played on a Sunday. 11. Tom Ritchie before moving to Sunderland. 12. Fulham in 1975. 13. No. 14. No — they won the trophy in 1972. 15. Crystal Palace.

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PEOPLE have asked me in the last few weeks if I've got any real hopes as to where the next stage of my career will take me after Nottingham Forest.

And, although I'm still keen to start afresh elsewhere, I've not honestly set my heart on going anywhere in particular.

I said at the outset that I'd like to go abroad and, to be honest, I am still thinking in those kind of terms at the moment. The prospect of a totally fresh challenge appeals to me at this stage of my career.

But I've no special preferences for wanting to go to West Germany, Spain or any other country. I'm totally open-minded about the whole issue but I'll wait and see what develops in the coming weeks.

One thing I would like to make crystal clear is I am still as ambitious as ever and wherever I go, I would like it to be a big club with the potential to win trophies. I'm as keen as ever to win honours in the game.



Peter Withe nets for Aston Villa against Forest at Villa Park.

'ONLY ANOTHER, BIG CLUB FOR ME'

As you have no doubt read in the Press, I've had talks with Brian Clough and Peter Taylor about my future but we haven't yet had the long discussions I thought we would have when I broke the news of wanting a move.

The first impression I got when I met the management was they wanted to do a lot of talking but

really I'm still waiting to get down to serious discussions with them.

But it is the general policy of the boss and Peter not to keep players who really want to go and I've been given the impression that if I feel that way at the end of the line, nobody will stand in my way.

What I've been really pleased about is that although the pressure

has been on me in recent weeks, my form has been good.

In view of us being involved in the battle for UEFA Cup places for next season, it was important that we battled to the end of the season and I'd like to think that everybody thought I had done my best.

Certainly, I knew I had and, apart from playing well, I enjoyed the



atmosphere of games like the one against Aston Villa at Villa Park, where they were desperate for the points to help them win the Championship.

That's the kind of involvement I like.



Celebrating European Cup victory with former team-mate Ian Bowyer.

I'VE just ended my fourth season with Nottingham Forest — and it's the first time we've failed to win at least one major trophy.

There was a lot of talk at the start of the season that we would be Championship material — and at one stage I think somebody said we would have it tied-up by Christmas.

But as it turned out, it's been a season of real transition at the club with the team ripped apart halfway through at the start of an operation to build a new side.

Garry Birtles left for Manchester United early on and he was followed by Ian Bowyer to Sunderland, Martin O'Neill to Norwich and Larry Lloyd to be player-manager of Wigan.

New young players have been brought in and given valuable first team experience and you are going to hear a lot in the future about the likes of Gary Mills, Stuart Gray and Colin Walsh.

But after the success we have had in my time at the club it was inevitable that at some stage a rebuilding job would have to be done and the rebirth of a new Forest is not far away.

Even so, it does not prevent me looking back over the last four years

and recalling the great moments.

The highlight for me was undoubtedly winning the First Division title. It's a yardstick that everyone uses and it gave us enormous pleasure at the City Ground to win it so clearly.

Then, in addition to winning the League Cup twice, we conquered Europe on two occasions and in that three-year spell even Liverpool had to admit that they could not match our achievements.

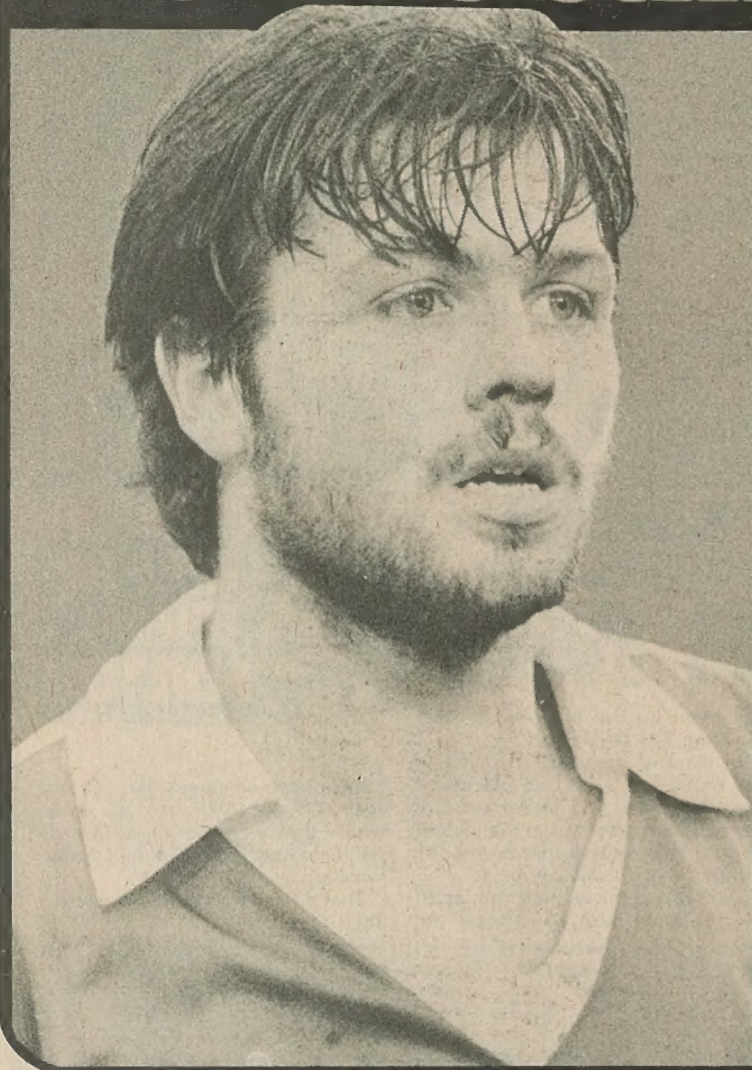
It's not all been highspots — but it's not bad when your big disappointment comes in a Cup Final.

That's how I viewed last season's League Cup Final against Wolves when David Needham and I were involved in a mix-up and Andy Gray scored a simple winner.

Nevertheless, the happy memories heavily outweigh the bad ones.

Peter Shilton

University graduate Giles still learning



BRIGHTON'S unhappy season in the First Division has been boosted by the progress made by their midfield newcomer Giles Stille.

Alan Mullery discarded his burgeoning young talents for the crunch games in the climax to the season but there is no doubting the high regard the Brighton manager has for Stille as he plans to re-shape the South Coast club for next season's campaign.

Stille is more than just a football player. He has a degree in history from his days at London University, and that's why he didn't play first team professional football until he was 22.

Inhibitions

But judging by the way he came into First Division football and played without the slightest nerves or inhibitions, it seemed he could become an important member of Mullery's Brighton side.

The young man is another product of non-League football. He was spotted by Brighton playing in his spare time for Isthmian League club Kingstonian.

"I was playing part-time football for Kingstonian while I was working at London University," he explained. "Brighton asked me down for a trial and signed me after I'd played in a few practice matches.

"But at the beginning I could only turn up for training two days a week because I was finishing my degree course."

Once Stille had gained that degree, he turned his attention to

football on a full-time basis. That decision seems to have paid off.

"I knew I was fairly fit, but it wasn't until I came to Brighton that I realised how much more there was to learn if I wanted to be a professional player. I missed a lot in the two years I was at University."

Nevertheless, Stille is convinced he is by no means the only good player to emerge in recent months from the obscurity of non-League football.

"I'm lucky to have got a chance to progress," he says, modestly. "There are some very good players in Leagues such as the Isthmian and I am hoping I can prove the point by making it at the professional level.

"But I am not fooled — I still have so far to go. But if I get a good solid run of games in the first team, I'm sure I will get a proper indication of whether I am good enough or not."

Stille is a right-sided midfield player who battles for every ball. He works hard throughout the game, in both attack and defence.

He's certainly aware of the requirements of modern day midfield players to help out at the back as much as supplementing the forward players.

But he proved he had an instinct for moving forward at the right time with a brilliant second-half header which gave Brighton their second goal against Southampton.

The following week, he was needed much more in defence as Brighton slipped 3-1 at Norwich. But it's all part of the learning process for the history graduate.

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IPSWICH Town may have missed out on their treble target — but they did complete a unique double when Dutch midfielder man Frans Thijssen was named as the Footballer of the Year by members of the Football Writers' Association.

He is only the second foreign-born player to win the FWA award in its 34 year history. The other was Manchester City keeper Bert Trautmann in 1956.

Only a few weeks earlier his high-scoring midfield partner, John Wark, had collected the PFA Player of the Year award.

And in both cases Ipswich almost completely dominated the

AWARD COULD KEEP THIJSSEN AT IPSWICH

voting. For the players' award John just pipped Frans and striker Paul Mariner while the writers named skipper Mick Mills as runner-up, John third and Town's other Dutch master, Arnold Muhren, fifth.

Said a delighted Frans after hearing the news in Germany while preparing for his side's vital U.E.F.A. Cup-tie against Cologne: "It is a great honour and I am thrilled. But I must admit I am also surprised.

"There are so many good players in the country that it means a lot to me to be voted the very best. It is an award for the club and all the other players as well as for myself.

"We have had such a good season that any Ipswich player would be a good choice. I could not have won without the help of my team-mates because our success this season has been due to the efforts of everyone and not just a few individuals."

No wonder Thijssen, a £200,000 capture from FC Twente in February, 1979, feels the move to England has been so worthwhile. Apart from the writers' award, he helped Ipswich to the brink of an 'impossible' treble and also regained his place in the Dutch national side.

His contract at Portman Road will soon expire and Town supporters are hoping that his negotiations with manager Bobby Robson will lead to him signing on the dotted line for a further two years.

Frans, not surprisingly, is keen to stay. But he also wants to safeguard the future for his family, and a queue of top clubs in Holland are ready to step in with the kind of offers they hope will tempt him home.

Whether he stays with Ipswich or returns across the North Sea, however, Frans is certain of one thing. "I'm a better player because of my spell in England," he admits. "I doubt if I would have done so well if I had stayed in Holland.

"Over there they still allow the



tackle from behind and that is a bad thing for players like myself who do their good work on the ball.

"I like to run with the ball, try to go past opponents and then create chances for the strikers. I have settled well at Ipswich because the system suits my style. We are a good blend of different types of players and it is a pity that we picked up so many injuries so late in the season."

Failure

Frans was sidelined for several games because of groin trouble and his absence, together with that of other key players like George Burley, Paul Mariner and Eric Gates, contributed to Town's failure to remain on course for the treble.

But the Dutch star was in his familiar number four shirt when Ipswich successfully battled their way through to the U.E.F.A. Cup Final. Leading just 1-0 from the first-leg at Portman Road, a headed goal by Terry Butcher in the second game gave them a deserved victory over Cologne.

And by a strange coincidence Frans found himself lining up in the Final against several of his colleagues from the Dutch national squad. Players like full-back Hugo Hovenkamp and midfield man Jan Peters, stars in the AZ Alkmaar side.

"Everyone has been talking about AZ in Holland this season because they have done so well," says Frans. "This is the perfect Final for both Arnold Muhren and myself. It helps to make up for the disappointment of not getting to Wembley for the F.A. Cup Final.

"AZ are like the new Ajax because they have won the Dutch Championship, look like winning the Dutch Cup and have also reached a European Final. But we have also had a good season and the opposition has been tougher.

"In Holland they cannot believe the number of games that English teams have to play. Our total for this season will be 66 while AZ will play less than 50. It's too much."

Frans has another complaint — that he doesn't score enough goals. "We are lucky at Ipswich because the goals are shared around," he points out, "but sometimes I feel I should contribute more."

But there are no such complaints from Town boss Bobby Robson, the other players or the supporters. All of them are hoping Frans will decide to stay at Portman Road and demonstrate the skills that have earned him the Footballer of the Year award.

And with Thijssen in their ranks, along with their many other international stars, who would dare bet against Ipswich remaining in the forefront of the English and European scene?

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FULL NAME: Stanley Bowles.
 BIRTHPLACE: Manchester.
 BIRTHDATE: December 24, 1949.
 HEIGHT: 5ft 11ins.
 WEIGHT: 11st 6lbs.
 PREVIOUS CLUBS: Crewe, Carlisle, Bury, Manchester City, Q.P.R., Forest.
 MARRIED: Divorced.
 CHILDREN: Son Carl and two daughters Tracy and Alexandria.
 CAR: No.
 FAVOURITE NEWSPAPER: Daily Mail.
 FAVOURITE PLAYER: Diego Maradona.
 MOST PROMISING TEAM-MATE: John Chiedozie.
 FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: None. I don't watch football.
 FOOTBALL HERO OF CHILDHOOD: Denis Law.
 FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: Racing, tennis.
 MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: The only player I have never got the better of over the years is Colin Todd, now of Birmingham.

MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: For Q.P.R. v Cologne in the UEFA Cup, in which I scored.
 BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Losing out to Liverpool in the League in 1976 when we should have had it sewn-up.
 FRIENDLIEST AWAY FANS: You must be joking!
 FAVOURITE FOOD & DRINK: Steak and tomatoes, lager and lime.
 MISCELLANEOUS LIKES AND DISLIKES: Cinema and reading/The dark, travelling.
 FAVOURITE HOLIDAY RESORT: Barbados.
 FAVOURITE T.V. STAR, MALE AND FEMALE: Nobody really. I don't watch TV much.
 FAVOURITE ACTIVITY ON DAY OFF: Lounging around generally doing nothing.
 FAVOURITE SINGERS: Frank Sinatra, Barbra Streisand, Madness.
 AFTER-MATCH ROUTINE: Go for a drink with friends.
 BEST FRIEND: I have a few. I think!
 BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: Ian McFarlane when at Carlisle.
 INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: Five England caps.
 PERSONAL AMBITION: To play as long as possible.
 IF NOT A PLAYER, WHAT JOB WOULD YOU DO? Don't know.
 WHICH PERSON IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET? Muhammad Ali.



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